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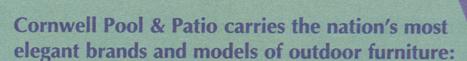


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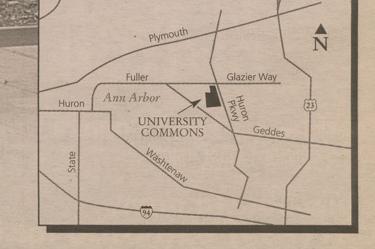
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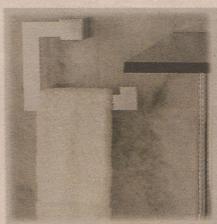




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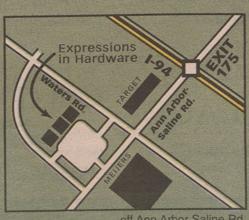
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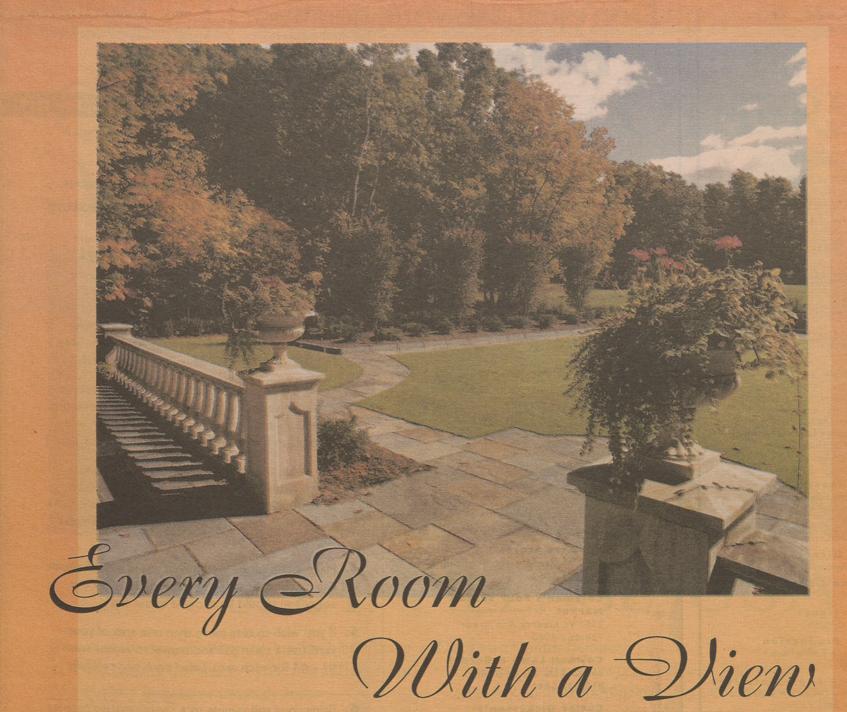
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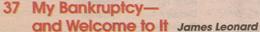
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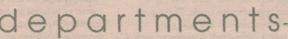
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Daily events in Ann Arbor during March, including reviews of poet Anne Waldman (at left); classical a cappella ensemble Vox; the Women in Astronomy exhibit at the U-M Exhibit Museum planetarium; contemporary Christian singer-songwriter Steven Curtis Chapman; Twyla Tharp Dance troupe;

the U-M Powwow; Cuban ambassadors of rumba Los Muñequitos de Matanzas; exhibits on Greek poet C. P. Cavafy at the U-M's Hatcher Graduate Library, Kelsey Museum, and UMMA; and folk-rock singer-songwriter

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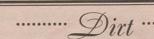
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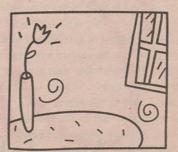
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Superintendent's Message: With the change of seasons we begin to plan for the transitions that are hallmarks of schooling. Parents and students begin to think about "next fall" and in our schools we have begun to plan our "Welcome to Our Schools" activities. This spring as part of our efforts to welcome parents and students, Ann Arbor Schools have added activities to welcome new families to our schools. We thank the parents who have chosen Ann Arbor Public Schools for the important task of educating their children.

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Welcome to Our Schools

The twenty-one public elementary schools in Ann Arbor will open their doors during "Welcome to Our Schools" week in February and March. While our schools are always open to visitors, February 19th through 22nd and March 19th through 22nd are distinguished by the extension of an invitation to the community. Parents new to our community and/or the Ann Arbor Public Schools are invited to come to "experience" the rich learning environment in our elementary schools. We encourage parents who want to tour our schools to call the school office for specific days and times.

During a visit to any one of our elementary schools you will be able to learn about a long list of educational offerings. Quite frequently parents and community members are interested in the use of technology in our elementary schools. However, this is just one of sixteen ingredients that help to create the rich environment of the Ann Arbor Public Elementary Schools. Other educational issues include: Literacy Instruction; Mathematics Instruction; Science Instruction; Social Studies Instruction; Music and Art Instruction; Physical Education Instruction; Enrichment Activities; Parent Involvement; Community Partnerships; Student Leadership Activities; Community Service Projects; School Improvement Goals; Special Events; Annual Celebrations; Climate; Class Size; and Media Center.

During "Welcome to Our School" weeks, parents can secure information about all the activities and extras that support instruction. All of the elementary schools have Enrichment Activities, before or after school, as well as during the day. We are proud of the level of parent involvement in our schools. Each school has an active Parent Teacher Organization and a School Improvement Team. It is the SIT that helps to shape School Improvement Goals. These goals drive the way each school does business and how they fashion instruction to create a climate that is unique to each building as they address issues that are school specific.

Mary Anne Jaeger, Principal of Pittsfield Elementary, is always anxious to share information on Literacy Instruction at Pittsfield and specifically their Literacy through Drama Program. According to Ms. Jaeger, "This program offers students an opportunity to develop public speaking skills and reinforces core academics while building an appreciation of the performing arts for all Pittsfield students."

Principal Arlene Barnes is just as enthusiatic about Carpenter Elementary School. Every Friday, a gaggle of third and fourth graders at Carpenter Elementary School

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report to school an hour early to serve bagels to their peers, parents and teachers. This event is called "Bagels and Bottles." Each week a set group of "bankers" runs the money box and makes change for the "customers." Proceeds from Bagels and Bottles are used to subsidize school trips. Kudos for a fine job by our third and fourth graders! Carpenter has a partnership with Washtenaw Intermediate School District that has forged an integrated foreign language program that will start this spring with instructors from Eastern Michigan University. Carpenter hopes to be the magnet school for foreign language in the district.

While parents are very important, our schools are also part of the larger community and are engaged in many Community Partnerships to augment classroom instruction.

"Northside Elementary", according to Principal Kevin Karr, "works diligently to build partners in educating students. Several community partners in learning include Leslie Science Center, the University of Michigan SMART Program, Pfizer, Toyota and University Housing of the University of Michigan. Northside is proud of its efforts in building partnerships in the name of outstanding academic programs for children". Thirteen of our elementary schools have formal partnerships with community businesses and

organizations through the district's Partners for Excellence Program. As a result, elementary schools have academic assistants, enrichment programs such as Bank-in-School and Junior Achievement, student community service projects and in a few instances, assistance in securing funds for special projects.

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Elementary schools also provide opportunities for students to participate in Student Leadership Activities, Community Service Projects, and special events, such as Science Night, Author's Night, Fifth Grade Camp and many more. The school year is punctuated with building based celebrations unique to each school and neighborhood community. The areas above comprise our checklist of areas to ask about on your visit to our elementary schools.

your visit to our elementary schools.
Below is the schedule for "Welcome to School" week. Please note that the elementary day is from 8:50 a.m. to 3:36 p.m.
Lunch time may vary from building to building but will be between 11:48 a.m. and 12:36 p.m.

February 19-22	March 19-22	March cont.
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Kindergarten Round-up

Do you have a child ready to start kindergarten in the fall? Schools are beginning to set the dates for Kindergarten Round-ups. All parents of new kindergarten students are invited to become familiar with the school their child will be attending. Round-up is a scheduled building event to provide parents and children an opportunity to become acquainted with the building and operations related to getting students enrolled.

It is important to note that before entering school, all parents must present proof that their child has received all required doses of vaccines or has had at least one dose of each of the required vaccines and is waiting to receive the next doses at the proper time. The required immunizations are DPT, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella, Hepatitis B, and Chicken Pox or proof your child has had Chicken Pox. For more detailed information about immunizations, please plan to attend your school's Kindergarten Round-up. You can get the date for your school by calling the building directly. The complete listing of the Kindergarten Round-up dates will be on Cable Channel 8, starting March 1st and on the school district's web site, www.aaps.k12.mi.us.

Secondary Schools Gearing Up

Ann Arbor middle and high schools are gearing up for the annual parent and student transition and orientation activities that take place from February through August. Timelines have been designed to provide parents and students with opportunities to learn more about the next levels of schooling in which students will enroll. A Student Services Guide is mailed in March to every family with students in grades 5-11 and contains information about course offerings at the secondary level. Families new to the Ann Arbor community are encouraged to contact any secondary school for information about obtaining a copy of this publication.

District administrators and counselors have worked together to create timelines that will offer parents and students a wide range of opportunities to visit the schools, meet new staff, learn about course offerings, and sign up for school related activities geared to meet student needs. Each school has published the transition calendar dates on their school web sites and in parent newsletters within the feeder school cluster. In addition, special invitations have been extended to non-public school families interested in enrolling students in Ann Arbor's middle and high schools. For a full listing of times and dates for secondary transition school activities, visit the district web site at www.aaps.k12.mi.us or contact any secondary school.

Middle Schools: Clague (994-1976); Forsythe (994-1985); Scarlett (971-1694); Slauson (994-2004); and Tappan (994-2011).

High Schools: Huron (994-2040); Community (994-2021); Pioneer (994-2120) Roberto Clemente (434-4611); and Stone School (971-2665).

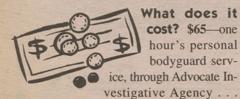
The pleasures of giving:

charismatic, controversial director of North Maple's Peace Neighborhood Center, is sure to set tongues



March publication of her autobiography, One Rose Blooming. She's as flamboyant with the pen as in person, whether the subject is her childhood in a series of New Jersey foster homes, her abusive ex-husband, or all the "rude and arrogant to minorities" cops she's encountered in Ann Arbor. But Martin's most provocative comments are her descriptions of what she says are the sexual peccadilloes of some of the wealthy benefactors of Peace Neighborhood Center, which helps needy Ann Arbor youth. One rich white woman, she writes, sought Martin's assistance in arranging an assignation with a black man. In return Martin asked her for a check to Peace Neighborhood for \$5,000—which the lady promptly wrote. "I helped her, and I won't say how even now," Martin writes covly. She is more forthright about her response to a male donor many years ago who told her that he'd give the center \$10,000 if she bared her breasts. "So I showed him," Martin writes-and he handed over the check. When her sister scolded her, Martin admitted only one regret: "There might be twenty men in this town who would give ten thousand dollars to see my boobs, and I've only identified one of them."

Martin's coauthor, Doug Truax, says that people who read the manuscript urged Martin to drop the sex stories but that she refused, calling them just "the tip of the iceberg." While Truax would rather talk about the many good works the book records, he admits the tales are certain to arouse readers' interest: "I imagine there will be some office pools in Ann Arbor on



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Ann Arbor country: Strange to see Ann Arbor becoming the region's most popular



used the frequency to revive the name and call letters of "W4," the defunct Detroit country station WWWW. The move has paid off handsomely for the giant radio conglomerate. The station's share of the Washtenaw County audience has more than tripled in a year, and W4 is now second only to Detroit talk powerhouse WJR among commercial stations. Though a bit more adventurous than Detroit country music rival WYCD-FM (99.5), WWWW's programming doesn't diverge much from the country radio mainstream. There's the same snarky morning-drive talk and the same tight playlists. You won't hear music from O Brother, Where Art Thou on W4as you might on Ypsilanti's tiny, locally programmed WSDS (1480 AM). The homogenization peaks in the evening, when W4 features a "cyberjock" named Lia-a satellite-delivered hostess cleverly edited through digital technology to sound local. A computer program called Prophet handles the deception, seamlessly splicing in W4 station IDs and snippets of local patter. Why has W4 been so spectacularly successful? A changing music audience one that has room for more than one big contemporary country station. A great many boomers who grew up on rock now move fluidly between adult contemporary music and country. W4's new listeners have come not only from WYCD but also from Detroit pop stations WNIC (100.3) and WKQI (95.5) and Ann Arbor's WQKL (107.1)—all owned, ironically, by Clear Channel.

Speaking of Clear Channel: Time was when Ann Arbor live music fans could hear a wonderful sampling of emerging bands at the Blind Pig. Nirvana, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Sonic Youth, Buck-



wheat Zydeco, the Cowboy Junkies, Dumptruck-all played this legendary downtown nightspot before the mid-1990s. But since then the music industry has consolidated greatly, and a place as small as the Blind Pig doesn't generate the cash the big booking companies demand. Reflecting this trend is a major lawsuit against industry giant Clear Channel, whose tentacles now reach beyond radio into the business of booking bands on tour. If you don't book with Clear Channel, say plaintiffs, not only do you get frozen out of countless venues, you can also forget about hearing your band's music on the company's stations. A decade ago local Prism Productions booked many of the national acts that came to the Blind Pig. But three years ago Prism sold out to Ritual in Detroit, which in turn was swallowed by SFX-and then SFX was gobbled by Clear Channel. Now the Blind Pig seldom gets more than Detroit-area rock bands playing for college-age audiences.

Crocodile tears: The Ann Arbor News's lazy and hostile coverage of city government is scarcely news at this point, but the

paper's editorial advice on hiring a new city administrator may have set a new record for hypocrisy. "Unless council members understand their appropriate role, [new city administrator Roger] Fraser will be doomed to failure,"

News editors solemnly intoned. "Ann Arbor already has a poor reputation, with tales of council members meddling in what should be the purview of city administrators." It was as if the editors had suddenly forgotten that they'd been crucifying council for months for not doing more to second-guess former administrator Neal Berlin. Despite the News's poison penmanship, however, Berlin maintained a strong relationship with council until the end of his tenure last year. If Berlin's experience is any guide, Fraser has far less to fear from city council than from the city's daily paper.

Image transformed: In times past, Detroit Metro's cramped and outdated passenger terminals gained it a reputation as the armpit of American airports. But the February opening of Northwest Airlines' state-ofthe-art midfield McNamara Terminal has suddenly positioned Metro among the best in the country. Rest room entrances shimmer with Pewabic tiles, and there's a spectacular, thirty-eight-foot-diameter granite

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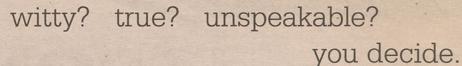
Surprising evolution: This winter term Washtenaw Community College has a

record enrollment of 11,562, up 8 percent from a year ago. But this surge in stu-



dents is not due to the recession. The oftcited notion that people go back to school during recessions is a myth, according to WCC president Larry Whitworth. His college's enrollment was steadily increasing even when unemployment in the county was minuscule. What's happened, Whitworth explains, is that more and more students recently out of high school are using WCC for their first two years of college and then transferring to a four-year school. That's because classes are smaller at WCC than at a big state university, the facilities are first rate, and you can't beat the price (under \$60 a credit for twelve semester hours). As a result of the increasing number of these "university parallel transfer" students, the average age of WCC students has declined to twenty-eight, and by far the biggest age bracket is eighteen to twenty. Demand for core liberal arts courses like history and political science has grown so much that there aren't nearly enough classrooms in the evening to accommodate students.

At the same time, the college's traditional draws, technology classes, remain strong-thousands of students study everything from auto repair to computers, and a new program in digital film technology is wildly popular. WCC is creating more cohesive programs to boost interest in these occupation-focused courses-for instance, it refashioned its moribund airconditioning and heating courses into a certificate-granting program, and now the courses have waiting lists. The college takes care of the craft of teaching, too: responding to a predicted serious shortfall of teachers in the coming years, WCC will begin offering a program next fall to provide students with the first two years toward a teaching credential.





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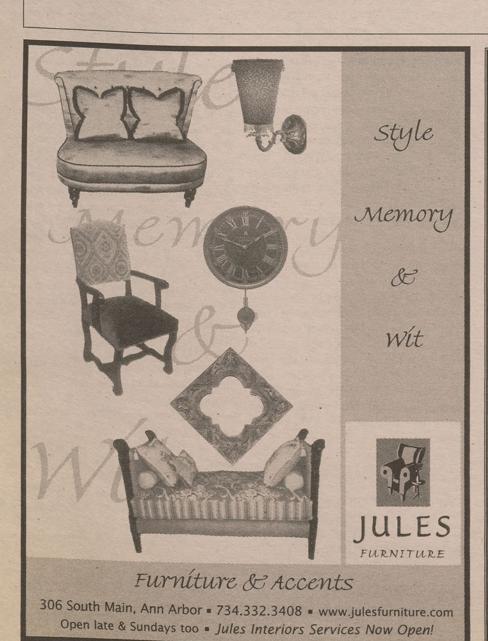
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The Lessons of East Lansing

The long, ugly civil war between MSU students and city residents is a cautionary tale.

nn Arbor's proposed ordinance to allow "accessory" apartments in single-family homes brought to the fore long-simmering tensions between home owners and off-campus U-M students. As the issue was debated before the



East Lansing, where his father was on the MSU faculty. Kestenbaum represented an East Lansing district on the Ingham County Commission from 1983 to 1988. "A lot of that has to do with the fact that basically all students now have cars. So you have five students living in a house—that's five cars. And they're parked all over the yard,

became dominated by young drinkers, it actually gained a reputation as a dangerous place to go after dark.

"I have friends who consider Cedarfest and similar things that happened in other parts of town as the equivalent of the Detroit riots," says Kestenbaum. While stressing that he disagrees with them, Kestenbaum says that for these residents,

the riots "totally changed the psychology [of East Lansing] from a place you wanted to be to a place you wanted to get out of."

As it became more and more common to hear loud music and see cars parked on lawns and students sitting on shabby front-porch sofas drinking beer, neighbors tended to do one of two things: flee, or stay and fight with a vengeance.

Kestenbaum's father, a beloved MSU history prof, was one of those who finally fled his home of twenty-five years and moved to an outlying subdivision. As more and more MSU faculty and other professionals took flight, property values in East Lansing slumped in comparison with Ann Arbor's, and they've remained relatively depressed ever since. A nice three-bedroom brick ranch in East Lansing sells today for under \$150,000, compared to \$200,000 or more in Ann Arbor.

Those who stayed fought the students through the East Lansing City Council.

Longtime resident Mark Grebner, also a county commissioner representing East Lansing, wryly recalls, "Politics here became very much split between people who were doubtful about students versus people who hated them actively." He remembers several middle-aged women from the radical left "who took to screaming about students and voted only for right-wing candidates be-

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calls some of the city's antistudent measures "unconscionable." To curb outdoor sofa eyesores, laws were passed defining appropriate lawn furniture in elaborate legal detail. An ordinance required that single-family homes could be rented to no more than two unrelated persons, no matter how large the home. Trash cans may be set out no earlier than 8 p.m. the night before collection and must be taken in by 10 a.m. the day of pickup. A squad of rental enforcement personnel issues tickets for violations—a student who parks a car on even an inch of lawn is likely to be slapped with a \$50 fine. A rental house that collects five minor nuisance violations or two misdemeanor civil violations in a year can have its rental license revoked.

Grebner, who has a U-M law degree,

cracked down on the students."

Residents have become increasingly paranoid about student incursions into single-family neighborhoods. If a home owner considers putting his or her house on the market, Grebner says, there'll soon be fearful talk that it may go rental. In reality, East Lansing had only 129 fewer owner-occupied homes in 2000 than it did in 1990, and according to Grebner, "it's simply impossible now to convert a house to rental from owner occupied." But home owners still feel like besieged colonists. "They see the students creeping north, and they're hyperventilating," he says.

According to Grebner, the hysteria reached a "fever pitch" in recent years, when home owners convinced themselves that encroaching MSU students were to blame for falling enrollments in East Lansing's public schools. In fact, like Ann Arbor, East Lansing has many older neighborhoods of smaller homes that no longer appeal to families—but its school district, unlike Ann Arbor's, doesn't include the new,



A bonfire rages during a 1998 riot in East Lansing's Cedar Village.

city council and planning commission, the nightmare that galvanized home owners was apparent: fear that their peaceful neighborhoods would suddenly be disrupted by gangs of noisy, mess-making student renters.

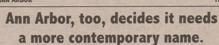
The chances of that outcome may be exaggerated. But the history of nearby college town East Lansing, population 46,500, shows how dangerous such towngown conflicts can be if they're permitted to escalate into all-out warfare.

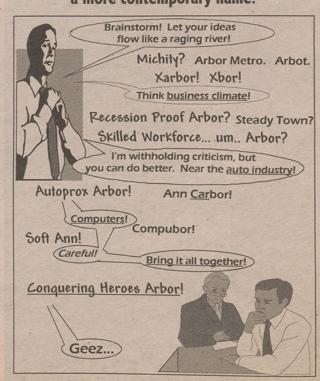
The problems in East Lansing go back to the early 1980s. Opinions differ on why tensions with the rest of the community increased then—but one resident suggests, only half facetiously, that the turning point came when MSU students began smoking less pot and drinking more alcohol. MSU undergraduates, who outnumber their U-M counterparts 35,000 to 24,000, have a well-earned reputation for partying. Many begin a weekend's festivities on Thursday afternoon.

"Back in the nineteen sixties and nineteen seventies, students were quieter and not as difficult neighbors as they are now in East Lansing," recalls Larry Kestenbaum. Kestenbaum now represents Ann Arbor's west side on the Washtenaw County Commission, but he grew up in or in the back, or on the street." As students became both more unruly and more unpleasantly visible, the notion among home owners grew: students are destroying the community.

A student ghetto called Cedar Village added an exclamation point to this opinion. In the 1980s the triangle-shaped neighborhood south of Grand River Avenue became a notorious place for students to revel and riot. It got so bad at times that the city and university fenced off the entire area and wouldn't let anyone in who didn't live there. The city even tried to get an injunction to stop the drunken "Cedarfests" there—an oddly desperate move, since there was no official "Cedarfest" and no "organizers" to enjoin.

"The notion that students were destructive, rowdy, and out of control—that really became prevalent," says Kestenbaum, "even though the worst incidents involved nonstudents who came from elsewhere, attracted by East Lansing as a place you could come to drink." East Lansing's long-struggling downtown became the region's magnet for underage drinkers, in a lingering effect of that period from 1971 to 1978 when the Michigan drinking age was eighteen. As the retail and office district across Grand River Avenue from campus







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family-friendly subdivisions springing up in neighboring townships. Blaming MSU students for declining public school enrollments made no sense to Grebner-but it nonetheless "led to some very conservative people taking over the city council."

Seeking more young children for its schools, the city has recently been aggressively seeking to annex nearby areas. It's taking 1,100 acres—nearly two square miles-from neighboring DeWitt Township alone. Thousands of homes, apartments, and mobile homes are planned for the area-and the children who live in them will go to East Lansing's schools.

Builder Eugene Townsend, a leader in efforts to create a cohousing community in Lansing, predicts that the effort will backfire. The new homes will draw families away from the city's older neighborhoods, but antistudent laws will prevent MSU students from filling the vacancies they leave behind. "As much as they hate the students and only want to rip 'em off, they may find real poor people even more distasteful," Townsend suggests. As the population drops in older neighborhoods, he says, "all these people who've been complaining about students in their neighborhoods for twenty years will be left with a vacant town and fewer services."

Ann Arbor is clearly not as vulnerable as East Lansing to such destructive conflicts. East Lansing has twice as many renter-occupied dwelling units (about 10,000) as owner-occupied units. The numbers are much more evenly balanced here, with 25,000 renter-occupied units versus 21,000 owner-occupied. But anyone who witnessed the accessory-apartment dispute knows how inflamed even normally sedate citizens can become when they think their neighborhood is threatened. Opposition to the proposal was so intense that city council killed it even before the normal review process was complete.

CULTURE

The Arts and War

Recovery from the September 11 attacks has been quicker for some sectors of the local arts community than for others-and a few didn't have to recover at all.

oth the Ark and the Michigan Theater got back to par relatively quickly. "It had a very dramatic but short-term impact," says Russ Collins, the Michigan's executive director. "We lost one rental, and movie attendance was squelched for several weeks, but not for months. I would say we're back to nor-

At the Ark, "we canceled five shows in September and early October, and there

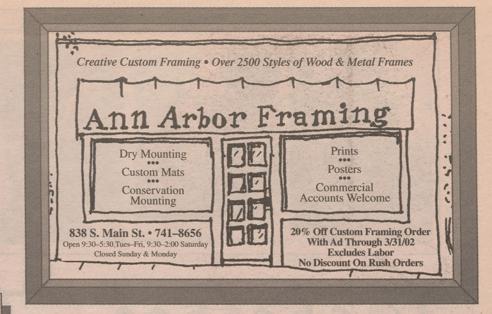
were fewer people at the shows we still had, but now we're doing really good business," says manager Dave Siglin. "It was about a month of down, but it had come back by mid-October."

The University Musical Society, however, is still struggling. It lost almost a quarter of a million dollars when it canceled five performances of Shockheaded Peter, which was scheduled to open on September 12. The performers were already here, but the set was stuck in customs. Then there was the scramble to avoid more cancellations, the expense of notifying ticketholders of schedule

=The Observer Survey=

The events of the past six months have left Ann Arborites unusually conscious of their mortality. Wondering how that change in thinking had played out in a profession where fear of death is the stock in trade, this month we surveyed twenty local insurance agents. Our respondents have been in the insurance business an average of twentytwo years, and in Ann Arbor for more than twenty years.

- 25% agree that Ann Arborites are more skeptical than most people when it comes to buying life insurance. (Agents who disagreed suggested instead that we're more "analytical," "informed," or "savvy.")
- 40% say that having children is the most frequent reason for people to realize they need life insurance.
- 40% say that it's the death of a friend or family member.
- 75% agree that their clients are more conscious of the world's perils since 9/11.
- \$313,000-average face amount of term life policies sold.
- \$224,000—average face amount of permanent life policies sold.
- \$713,000—average amount of insurance the agents have on themselves.
- 16%-average number of clients buying "umbrella" policies to boost liability coverage.
- 73% of respondents agree that wealthy Ann Arborites are increasingly worried about the risk of lawsuits.
- 85% agree that the cost of health insurance is one of the biggest problems facing the self-employed.
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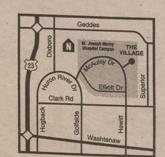
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Shock treatment: Ken Fischer says that the University Musical Society lost almost a quarter of a million dollars when it had to cancel five performances of the opera *Shockheaded Peter* after 9/11. Ticket sales have been unpredictable ever since.

changes, a dip in donations, and a general drop in attendance.

"We're dealing with the financial ramifications of both that and the economic downturn," says UMS president Ken Fischer. "It's hard to say how much of it is Nine Eleven and how much is people not showing up in the numbers we expected they would. We don't know entirely. I wouldn't say we've recovered—it's going to take a while."

Uncertainty is the keynote. The Chieftains' show at Hill Auditorium in January was eventually a sellout—but half the tickets were bought in the last week before the performance. "We were running scared," Fischer says. "It's just going to be one of those years where you can't predict what it's going to be like. We're having some challenges with events we thought would really do well, while other events are doing okay. We have a sense people are staying home more. They're looking for comfort and stability."

At local art galleries the impact varied enormously. Owner Varian Manning blamed a post–September 11 sales crash for the January closing of his fledgling Native Ways Gallery. But at Washington Street Gallery, "we sold probably more art in the last quarter than we did in the first three quarters combined," says artist Laurie Carpenter, one of the co-op gallery's owners. "We can't figure out why this happened, unless people are putting their money more in the things they enjoy at home. After Nine Eleven, we thought we could probably close up for the rest of the year—and then it just took off."

At the Clay Gallery, "we sort of had a dip in October, but then it really started picking up, and we did quite well during the Christmas season, better than the year before," says Inga Merlin, one of the fourteen artists who own the gallery cooperatively.

The warm fuzzies took off at Selo

Shevel Gallery, says Elaine Selo: "We didn't experience a major increase in sales, but differences in the kinds of sales after Nine Eleven. There was more of a tendency to buy things that made people feel more comfortable in the home. We had ordered a lot of really wonderful pillows and wall hangings, and we couldn't keep them in stock. I attribute that to their softness."

A lot of people apparently were listening to the U-M's Michigan Radio while they hung around the house: listenership doubled from the previous year, making it the fastest-growing NPR broadcast service in the country, and the take from its fall fund-raiser exceeded \$900,000, more than \$200,000 better than any previous drive's.

The explanation "isn't brain surgery," says director of broadcasting Donovan Reynolds. "A lot of people who didn't [previously] listen to public radio became much more concerned about what's going on in the world."

But for O. J. Anderson, the bottom fell out. Anderson is a self-described "physical comedian"-he's taught at Ringling Brothers' clown school-who makes his living almost entirely from school shows, the kind where the laughs are followed by life lessons. He was used to doing more than 200 shows a year, but from September 11 through January, "I had maybe ten," he says. "Even though I have a fairly reasonable reputation in the Michigan schools, I don't think anybody wanted anyone in their building that they didn't know for sure, that weren't teachers, parents, or students. And the few shows I have done, the kids just, instead of laughing, kind of imploded."

Anderson says the rejections sent him into "my first depression, I think, ever. You find yourself standing alone in a room, going around in a circle, saying, 'What the heck is going on here?" But bookings have picked up recently-he did a fairly normal twenty shows in February—and so has he. "I will work again," Anderson says. "People will need to laugh."



Diversity's a plus at Paradise

"I'm very disappointed," Victoria Tran said in a phone call. Tran's Paradise restaurant got a mixed review in February, but she wasn't objecting to Margaret Yang's opinions about the food and service. What troubled Tran was Yang's suggestion that Paradise suffers an "identity crisis" because it offers so many different Asian cuisines.

"I'm Vietnamese. My grandfather was Chinese. I grew up in America," Tran explained. "I learned how to cook many different types of food." Far from being a weakness, Paradise's diversity is responsible for its survival, she said. Tucked inside the curved Colonnade shopping center, the restaurant is hard to see from Eisenhower Parkway, and Tran said that business was slow for the first year. "But the second year, people slowly found that I have Vietnamese, Chinese, Thai, Korean-that I have a variety. Customers tell me, 'You have the best pad thai'-even a Thai customer says that." As for the pan-Asian origins of her cooks, Tran added, "Wherever they come from, they all do my recipes.'

We also heard from several Paradise regulars who wanted to put in a good word for their favorite restaurant. Joann McNamara and Mel Guyer wrote that the review inspired them to branch out from the Chinese side of the menu, "and found our varied selection of Vietnamese appetizers, soups, and entrees to be wonderful. And, just as your reviewer said, the Saigon shrimp soup is outstanding. Unlike your reviewer, for whom Paradise seems to have been lost by the waitstaff,

we found the wait service to be prompt, professional, and attentive, actually better than most of the restaurants in town, up town or down! We'd like to share with your readers that one tepid review doesn't mean that Paradise is lost-it really is worth going there again."

Before the Network

To the Editor:

The squib in Up Front about the demise of the Tech Center described it as a 'disheveled old factory" providing cheap space for artists and others, which is what I've always loved about it. But this rundown place, built in 1919 for American Broach, was once one of the leading industrial giants in Ann Arbor. During the 1940s it was a part of the "Arsenal of Democracy" as it made gun parts for the war effort. As such, it also played a small role in the history of the union movement. A letter to the editor of the Michigan Daily by Art Carpenter, who later developed Kerrytown, describes the poor working conditions (six toilets for 250 men) and the antiunion tension there (he was organizing for the CIO, which appealed to about half the workers). Richard Frankenstein, a UAW activist, also had a brief tussle there with union busters.

As you can see, when a building is almost 100 years old, it has lots of tales to tell. All this history disappears with the building, unfortunately.

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Cryptic cartoon

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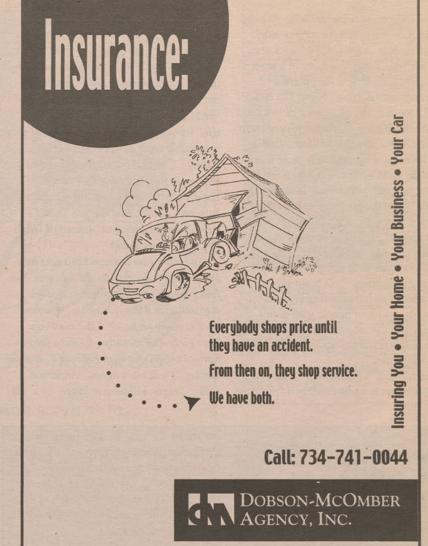
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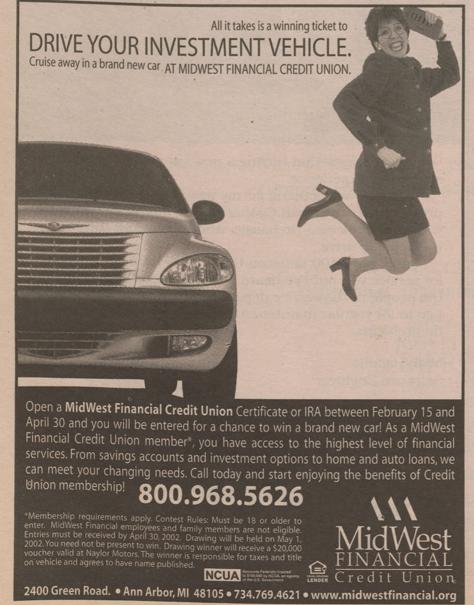
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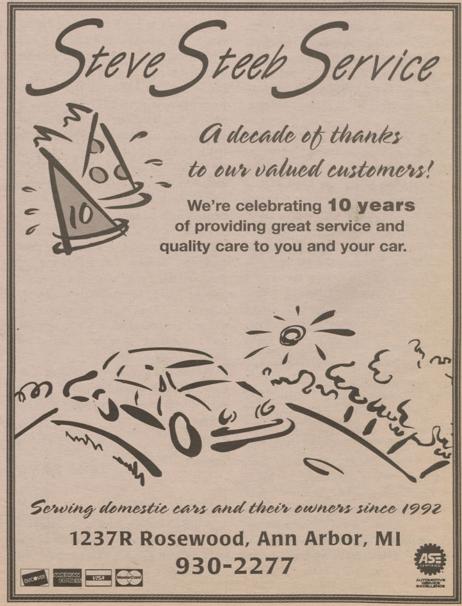
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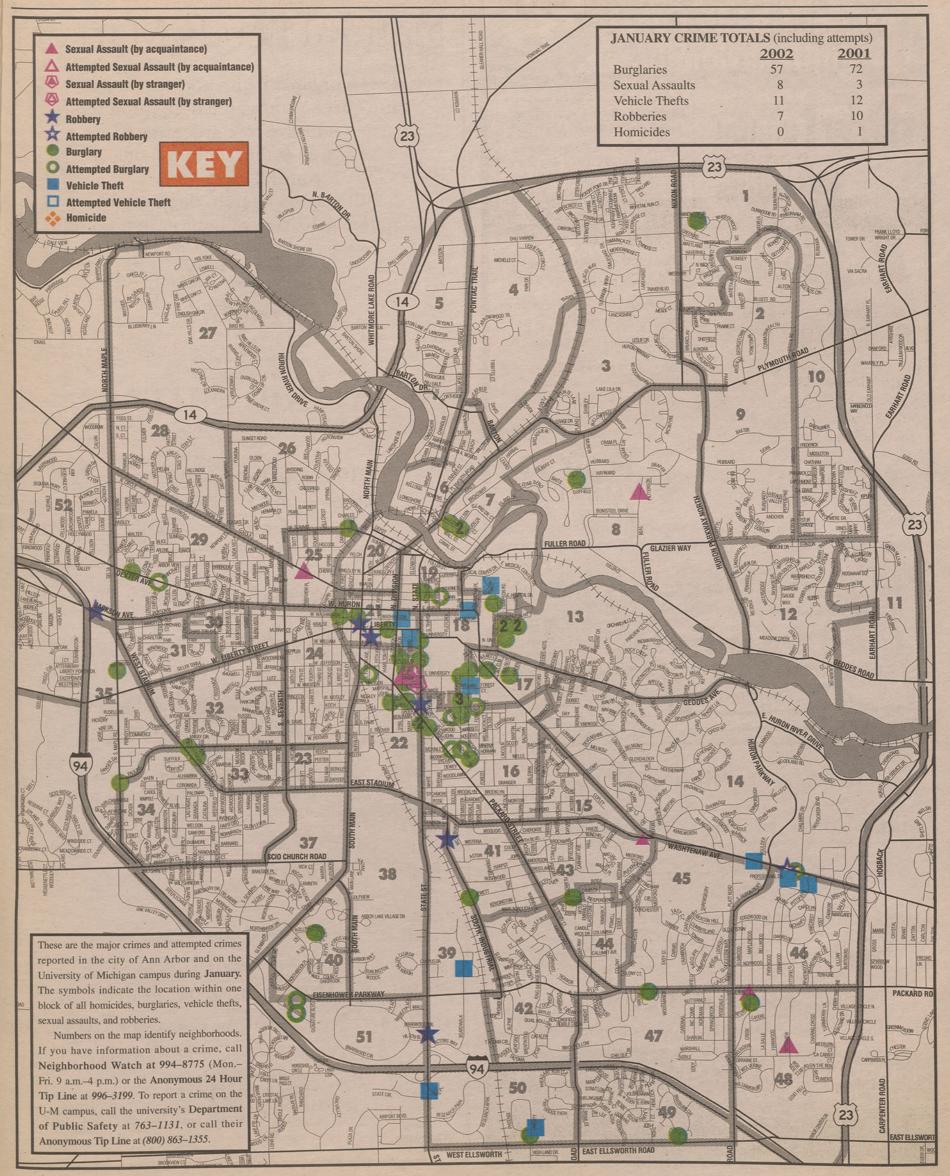
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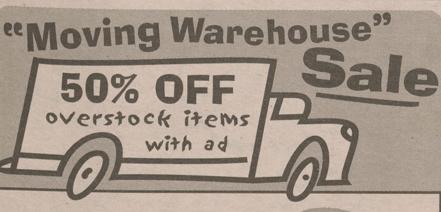
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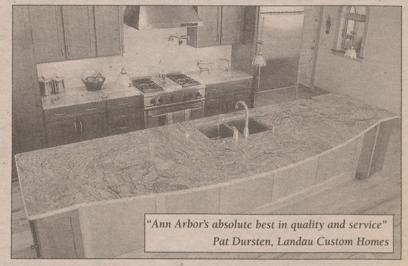
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Elizabeth Colburn

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Colburn's business card describes her as a "professional makeup artist," "licensed hair stylist," and "on-set styling assistant." But her sense of humor is part of the package. "We sit there and laugh and have a good time," says Joan Perros, a customer of at least twenty years' standing.

Like a lot of the women who see Colburn, Perros, a retired nurse, admits to some ambivalence about makeup. She's old enough to recall that when the feminist movement took hold thirty years ago, "you wouldn't be caught dead in makeup." But Perros, a longtime Democratic activist, started becoming involved in schools and civic organizations. "When I did charity work, you had to be able to deal with Republicans," she says, explaining why she decided to see a makeup consultant. A friend recommended Colburn, and Perros was hooked. "She teaches a low-key makeup," Perros explains. Now, she sees Colburn every few months to "update" her look and also to buy Colburn's personal line of makeup products, which includes everything from sponges and brushes to skin serums to lipsticks and eyeliners.

olburn's services don't come cheap: her "two-hour makeup/skin care/eyebrows A to Z" package is \$125. Some customers visit her salon (on the lower level of Anneke's Downtown Hair & Company) only on special occasionsbrides or mothers of brides, for instance, who want professionally done makeup for just one special day. A lot of others are in some kind of transition-divorced women reentering the dating scene, college students facing the job market. Colburn helps them develop a look and then teaches them how to apply the makeup themselves ("I don't want too many makeup codependents," she says). Her style emphasizes a natural look. "You don't see makeup-you see the person," she says. "That's what you're going for."

Colburn's own makeup is subtle enough that you could be fooled into thinking that her lips are naturally plum colored and her radiant cheekbones an act of nature. An exdancer, she's medium tall with a graceful carriage and spiky auburn-tinted hair. To-



day she's wearing a studded denim shirt over a shimmering purple skirt. Colburn's work space is small but well organized, with makeup displays neatly grouped together-lipsticks, brushes, lotions-and when customers arrive, she draws white curtains for privacy.

Today she's doing a sort of quickie makeover for Sally, a long-waisted, blackjeaned woman who is getting a professional photo for a nonprofit whose board she sits on. As Sally looks into a mirror, she and Colburn talk about the shape of her face. They agree that Colburn will soften Sally's "very strong cheekbones and strong jaw" with highlighting and accenting. Colburn whirls away—deftly dipping brushes in creams and blushes, trying out first one lipstick and then another, explaining as she goes. Colburn, who is single, says she'd like to do a video of herself at work-"maybe someday, if that handsome single venture capitalist comes along," she jokes. When Colburn finishes, Sally looks in the mirror with delight. Her features appear softer, her eyes larger. "Oh, my gosh. I don't believe it!" she says.

group of autographed photos of famous people, among them Rosie O'Donnell and Julia Child, gives a glamorous cast to Colburn's salon. Colburn has met plenty of celebrities on the sets of nine movies filmed in the Detroit area. She's been head makeup artist for two films produced by Chelsea-based star Jeff Daniels, whom she praises for his collaborative style. For the movie Seersucker, she recalls, she had to both create bruises and erase some, after costar Harve Presnell had an accident during shooting.

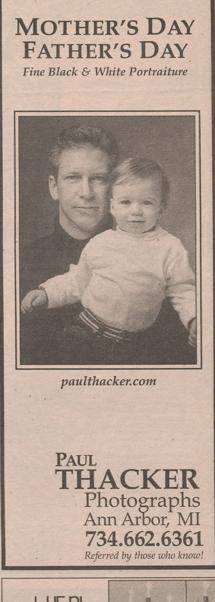
Colburn says she often has to "prove herself" to L.A. and New York makeup artists skeptical that someone from the Midwest could be good. Still, she got a bang recently out of working on the big Universal film Eight Mile Road, starring rapper Eminem. Colburn, who put eye makeup on extras and passed out Kleenex during sweaty dance numbers, was fascinated to see how Universal re-created "the hip-hop scene of 1995" in a long-closed Detroit restaurant. "It's part of the magic of moviemaking," she says.

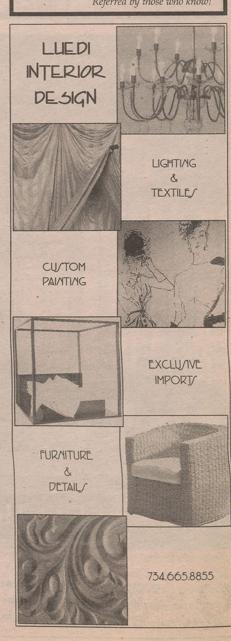
Filming in Detroit is especially satisfying to Colburn, a graduate of Detroit's Cooley High. Reluctant to reveal her age-"I'm a baby boomer. I'm not going to be specific about which cusp"-Colburn arrived in Ann Arbor as a U-M undergrad sometime in the 1970s. "I got a B.A. in English," she says with amusement. "Asian literature is my minor!" She completed a second B.A. in dance and education and for a while taught dance for the public schools' Rec & Ed Department. But Colburn was thinking practical when she decided to apprentice in makeup with a Chicago woman. "I thought, 'Hey, here's something I can do, and it's creative, and I have a knack for it."

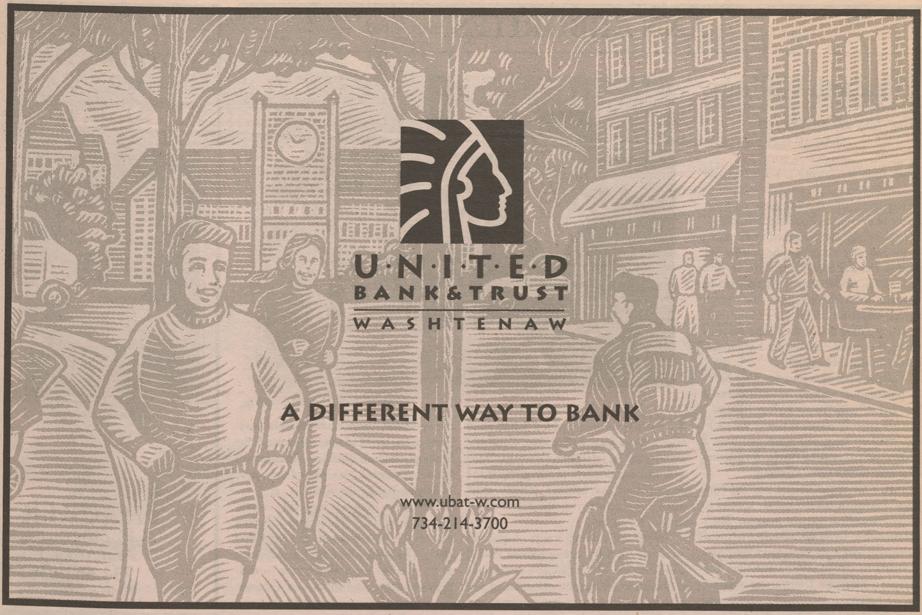
Apart from a period Colburn spent in Minneapolis in the late 1980s, where she studied dance and did makeup on TV shows, Ann Arbor has been her home since college. She's been renting space from Anneke's since 1987. All her business comes by word of mouth, and she has many longtime customers. But even with her own line of makeup products, Colburn, who is single, readily admits that it's tough supporting oneself in a city like Ann Arbor, where a lot of people have a negative attitude about makeup. "In some communities," she sighs, the women "would be proud to say they've been to a makeup artist.'

Colburn has no kids but acts as "Aunt Elizabeth" to several of her friends' children. She's decorated her north-side home in 1950s style; it's also home to a collection of 100 powder compacts that, she says, "go from the turn of the century to the rhinestone-studded nineteen fifties." Colburn's own interest in makeup and the illusion it creates goes back to childhood. A big influence was her grandmother. "She was an Avon lady!" Colburn reports, shrieking with laughter.

-Eve Silberman



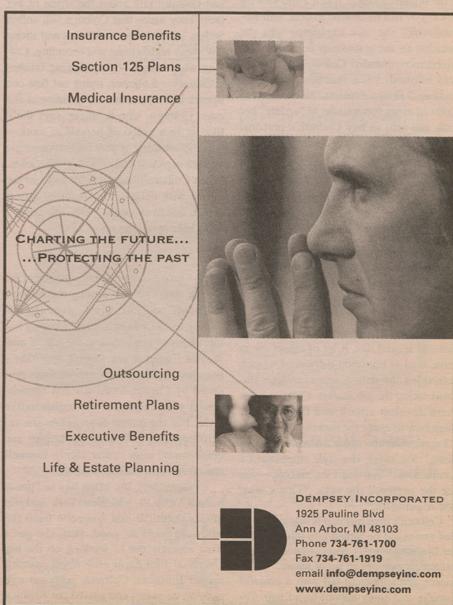


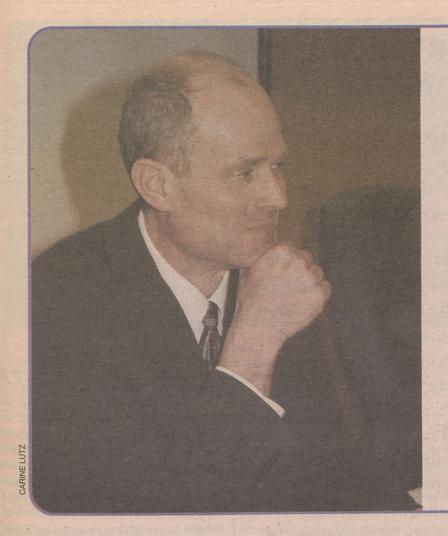




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The Dramatic Debut of John Hieftje

He came out of nowhere to become Ann Arbor's most activist mayor in a generation.

Now if he can just get the Ann Arbor News to understand the city budget . . .

by Eve Silberman

hree years ago
I had no idea
that I would
be involved in
politics," reflects mayor John Hieftje, sounding slightly amazed.

Hieftje is an anomaly. Typically, Ann Arbor mayors are seasoned veterans of city council. But Hieftje had been a First Ward council representative just five months before he declared for mayor in spring 2000. Popular incumbent Ingrid Sheldon had just announced that she would not seek reelection, and Hieftje, a Democrat, swept to victory in November, winning every precinct in the city.

A Realtor, Hieftje ran on an antitax, pro-environment slate that appealed to Democrats and Republicans alike. He describes himself as a political "moderate" and as a "neighborhood kind of guy," and cheerfully suggests that people who have trouble with his unusual last name (it's Dutch and it's pronounced "HEEF-tee-ya") just call him John. But that plain-vanilla packaging is deceptive. Hieftje is shaping up as Ann Arbor's most activist mayor in at least a generation.

Hieftje is determined to do something that is certain to be difficult and that may be impossible: maintaining city services while cutting the workforce by 10 percent. The savings would be used first to balance the budget and then to fund long-term capital improvement projects, such as expansion of City Hall.

Last spring Hieftje and council threw city employees into a tizzy with a proposal to permanently eliminate more than fifty positions, most from the police and fire departments. To make the reductions without layoffs, council opened an early retirement

"window"—a move that was misunderstood and attacked by the Ann Arbor News.

Yet as he moves into his second year as mayor with anxious employees and enemies who buy ink by the barrel, Hieftje appears not a whit discouraged. In fact, his wife, pianist Kathryn Goodson, says that for the first time since she's known him, he's as "passionate" about his work as she is.

That passion is sure to be tested in the months ahead, as city workers and residents weigh in on the changes instigated by the man with the difficult name and the mild mien.

Hometown boy

"I'm something of a late bloomer," the mayor reflects. He was forty-five years old by the time he finished his bachelor's degree at EMU in 1997. He'd dropped out twenty-six years earlier, and the loose end had always haunted him, Hieftje says. He also wanted to finish to set an example for Josh, his child from his first marriage. (Josh, now twenty, is a student at Washtenaw Community College.)

Hieftje is friendly in a low-key, reserved way. His strong features and serious demeanor exude earnestness. His office on the third floor of City Hall is reasonably neat; a couple of pictures of fish hang on the wall. A gift to the city from the King's Chosen art fair, they are a delight to the mayor's eyes; he's a lifelong fly fisherman.

"He's a real hometown boy," a friend says. The youngest of three, the mayor grew up on the Old West Side, where he enjoyed free ice cream cones at the Washtenaw Dairy, scooped by his older brother, David. His dad, John Senior (Hieftje is a junior but doesn't use the suffix), owned a

heating and cooling business, switched to roofing and siding, and finished his career with the city building department. His mom, June, who did bookkeeping for the family businesses, shared her love of reading with her kids. (The couple now live in Oscoda, Michigan, with Hieftje's older sister, Sally.)

Hieftje graduated from Pioneer in 1969. At Eastern he demonstrated against the Vietnam War and for civil rights. Of his interrupted college career, he reflects that the times were unsettling, adding ruefully, "I certainly didn't have the maturity level... to just buckle down."

Hieftje had inherited a talent for carpentry from his father, and after a job surveying for the U.S. Forest Service in northern Michigan, he became a contractor, installing decks and hot tubs. In 1982 he went into real estate sales; he's been with the Charles Reinhart Company since 1984. The career change let him spend more time with Josh, his son from his two-year marriage to Ann Arborite Cynthia Hernandez.

He has always made time for fishing, hiking, and camping. "I tell people I'm probably more at home in the wilderness" than anywhere else, he says. Determined to find a practical application for his environmentalism, he's served as a director of both Recycle Ann Arbor and the Huron River Watershed Council.

Hieftje's environmental advocacy was his path into local politics—but at first it put him at odds with many local environmentalists. He lives down the street from Leslie Park, and in spring 1998 he became alarmed over a bond proposal to build a new 12,000-square-foot science education center there. Hieftje and his neighbors feared that so large a building would mar

the natural beauty of Leslie's ponds, woods, and prairies.

Hieftje helped mount a successful campaign against the proposal—his first political victory. It was the first time ever "that a parks issue was defeated," he recalls with a hint of self-congratulation. Afterward Hieftje worked with the parks department to develop plans for a smaller building, which was completed a couple of years ago

The parks vote paved the way to another unlikely victory. In 1999 First Ward council representative Tobi Hanna-Davies announced her retirement. Hanna-Davies and other council Democrats endorsed Simone Lightfoot for the seat. But Lightfoot hadn't been much involved in ward politics, and neighbors impressed by Hieftje's leadership on the parks initiative encouraged him to challenge her in the Democratic primary.

Hieftje wasn't deterred by Lightfoot's status as heir apparent. "Simone's a fine person," he says, "but she didn't have a lot of experience working on issues in the ward." He wasn't sure, though, that he wanted the job. "Did I want to make this kind of a time commitment?" he recalls wondering. "Did I want to be a public person?" Once he made peace with the idea of entering politics, he scored a decisive victory over Lightfoot in the primary and then brushed past a Libertarian candidate to win the general election in November.

When Hieftje joined council, the 2000 mayor's race was expected to be between Republican incumbent Ingrid Sheldon and Fifth Ward Democrat Chris Kolb. Kolb had challenged Sheldon by increasingly tight margins in two previous elections, and 2000 looked like the year he might finally win the mayor's seat. But then Kolb



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Once again Hieftje's neighbors urged him to run. Andy Buchsbaum, the mayor's neighbor and former campaign treasurer, calls him "a great combination—a Realtor who's completely committed to environmental issues." Hieftje's campaign literature emphasized "standing up for nature and neighborhoods" and "saving money for taxpayers."

The potent combination of themes helped Hieftje win an astonishingly decisive victory. He would need every bit of that sweeping mandate to weather the storms ahead.

The mayor as tightwad

On a late fall day, Hieftje sits on a bench in Liberty Plaza eating a sandwich. It's the last of a series of public picnics he initiated to help reclaim the park from a hard-core group of street people whose less desirable activities included heavy drinking and drug dealing. Earlier in the season, a group of fed-up citizens held a meeting to urge that action be taken; a subsequent police raid led to the arrest of several suspected drug dealers. Simultaneously, Hieftje began to eat lunch in the park every Wednesday with anyone who cared to join him.

Today, perhaps because the weather has turned cool, only a police office and a couple of citizens show up. It is not long before "Loretta" makes an appearance; she's a disheveled woman, overdressed for the weather in a shabby blue snowsuit.

Loretta strikes up a conversation. It becomes clear that she is homeless, and Hieftje urges her to go to the shelter. She says cheerily that she won't because "they won't let me drink there."

"Is it more important for you to drink than to have a roof over your head?" the mayor asks.

"I'm going to build me an igloo," she replies puckishly.

Hieftje, looking frustrated, continues to argue with her—again bringing up the shelter, mentioning an advocate for the homeless—until she announces abruptly that she has to leave.

The police officer looks on with the tolerance of someone long accustomed to quirks of the homeless. But Hieftje appears genuinely dismayed.

The mayor's earnest optimism has no Off switch. His seriousness of purpose is a constant, whether he's trying to persuade a homeless woman to accept help or inviting city staff to see cutbacks as a creative opportunity.

The budget is usually thought of as a Republican issue, but Hieftje has made it his own. Instinctively thrifty, he likes to recount how his father, when working for the city in the 1960s, managed the Garden Homes subdivision near Maple and Miller, funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. "He did a great job out there," Hieftje recalls. "He actually had money to give back. HUD was incredulous."

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So far, Hieftje has kept city council impressively united behind his tightfisted agenda. But tensions will rise if staff cuts translate into service reductionsand with another deficit looming next year, that's all too likely to happen.

Thirty years later, when Hieftje joined council, he was startled to hear administrators talking about either building a new City Hall or putting a major addition on the existing one. "The addition was something like \$19 million, and the new City Hall was \$37 million," Hieftje recalls. He remembers thinking, "The budget doesn't look all that good. How are we going to be able to reconcile all these things?"

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Hieftje was convinced that Ann Arbor's taxes were already too high. When he began selling homes, he says, he soon realized that high taxes kept some people out of the city. "You can't work on affordable housing and raise taxes at the same time," he says. His most conspicuous act in his year as First Ward rep was a proposal to freeze the property tax rate. Because voters had just approved a new millage for parks, the only way to freeze the rate would be to reduce spending elsewhere. Council approved the freeze-a decision that meant forgoing \$1.2 million this year alone.

Then, early last year, the city settled several long-postponed labor contracts. The agreements were more generous than had been projected—and they applied retroactively. To balance the budget, council had to draw \$5 million out of the city's \$15 million in general fund reserves.

The first projections for this year's budget predicted a \$4.5 million deficit. With Hieftje opposed to raising taxes, the only solution was to cut spending.

That alone would have been plenty for a freshman mayor to worry about. But the message that Hieftje and the council sent to then city administrator Neal Berlin was to look at more than just balancing the current budget. The council also made it clear that it was committed to raising funds for continuing capital expenses out of existing revenues.

The instructions revealed the ambitiousness of Hieftje's agenda. For years-some say fifteen, some twenty or even twentyfive—the city has put on hold some capital expenses that everyone agrees are necessary. Though council had squirreled away funds to build a new city garage, other equally pressing needs still languishedpolice headquarters, for instance, has been badly overcrowded for decades.

Hieftje says he wants to get the police out of the basement of City Hall, and he believes the city can find the money to do it-once it learns how to operate more efficiently. "One of the most frustrating things for me that I heard when I got here was 'Well, that's the way we've always done it for thirty years," he recalls. "Thirty years is a long time."

Hieftje grew up in a small-business family, and his father-in-law teaches at the U-M business school. He knows how much American firms have done to become more efficient in the past couple of decades-and he sees no reason Ann Arbor can't do the same. "The city hasn't taken a hard look at its finances in as many years as it could remember," he declares. "We're going to do things just as well or better than we always did, and we're going to do it for less money."

Because most of the city's general fund goes to salaries, the only way to reduce costs permanently is to cut staff. With Hieftje loath to lay staff off, the linchpin of his budget reorganization was an early retirement plan. Last May council unanimously voted to temporarily allow employees to retire up to five years earlier than usual, at a pension 10 percent higher than they would otherwise have received.

Staffers had until August 15 to sign up for the program. By the deadline, almost every person eligible-136 people of a workforce of roughly 1,000 employeeshad accepted the offer. In a memo to City Hall employees, acting city administrator Ron Olson wrote, "We have more retirements in one year than ever in history."

To Hieftje the large number of retirements meant he'd have a chance to fulfill his big plans for improving efficiency without laying anyone off. To the Ann Arbor News, though, the response was a scandal.

News attacks

On Thursday, November 15, Mayor Hieftje broke from a group of fellow Kerrytown strollers to buy an Ann Arbor News from a nearby machine. As he stood for a

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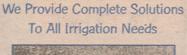
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minute reading the front page, his face seemed to tighten by the second. "Look at this," he said to assistant city administrator Susan Pollay.

"Retirement Program Bungled?" read the front-page headline, continuing, "City's Top Officials Approved Plan without Knowing Cost." After scanning the article, Pollay, less cautious and more outspoken than the mayor, threw out a couple of expletives that suggested her opinion of the News reporter.

Just a week earlier, the paper had run another front-page story claiming that the early retirement plan would "cost millions of dollars more than anticipated." On November 16 the News followed up with an editorial, entitled "Fiasco," that began, "Ann Arbor City Council members should be ashamed of themselves." The editorial asserted that "with little thought and even less effort, the council

city. "I think it was very unfortunate that work o the local paper missed this story," he says. sit dow "This program is actually saving us money, not costing us money. We're paying a little more in the short term to save more in the long term-that's what early retirement programs do."

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When the News refused to print the city's response to Gantert's charges, the mayor's office began distributing a fact sheet explaining the program—along with copies of an Observer article critical of the News's coverage. Hieftje also arranged for former Republican council member Larry Hahn, now a member of the city's pension board, to address council on the fund's ability to support the retirements. "Five times in five minutes he said that the pension fund was in excellent condition," Hieftje recalls with satisfaction.

Shut out of the newspaper, the mayor made his case one group at a time, explaining the retirement program during every speaking engagement. When he appeared before the chamber of commerce



Veteran solid waste director John Newman was just one of 136 employees who agreed to retire this year. The success or failure of Hieftje's budget cuts will hinge on whether a smaller city staff can learn to work more efficiently.

had approved . . . a budget buster . . . for an already strapped city.

Aroused, the public quickly weighed in with angry e-mails and phone calls to the mayor's office and to the News. "What did we expect from a Democratic-majority council and a Democratic mayor?" one woman wrote in a letter the paper published. In the influential business community, the News's charges "raised lots of hackles," says Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce president Woody Holman.

In fact, the News had completely misunderstood the early retirement plan. Reporter Tom Gantert—a former sports reporter who wrote the articles without ever talking to the mayor—had confused existing liabilities with new expenses. Some employees had banked huge amounts of vacation, sick time, and compensatory time that the city was obliged to cash out when they retired. Gantert mistakenly attributed those multimillion-dollar costs to the early retirement

In fact, Hieftje points out, the city was going to have to pay that money eventually, no matter when the employees left the

board of directors, he impressed the group with his calm delivery of facts, recalls Woody Holman. "John does not approach anything as being on the defensive," says Holman. "I give him a lot of credit for not getting embroiled in the situation."

The News has since quietly backtracked; from information tucked into other stories, it's clear that Gantert now understands the economics of the retirement program. But the News never admitted that his initial stories were wrong, and it continues to publish letters from angry readers misled by those stories and the notorious "Fiasco" editorial.

It's unusual for the News to botch its coverage so badly. One City Hall insider even suggests that the paper may be deliberately distorting the facts to prepare for opposing Hieftje's reelection bid this fall. The mayor himself, however, sounds more disappointed than angry.

"I don't worry about it too much," he says of the misinformation. If News readers still think the retirement program was a "budget buster," he suggests, they'll be in for a pleasant surprise when council begins

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te that work on the 2002-2003 budget. "When we says. sit down to do the budget this year, we're mon- going to say, 'Here's the budget'-and there won't be any millage increases. And I more think intelligent people will say, 'Wait a retire- minute-we didn't lose any money. Otherwise we'd be raising the millage."

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Hieftje himself considers the retirement plan an unqualified success for the cityso far. "I think we've actually laid the groundwork for a much better future for the city," he says. "Our expenses were multiplying faster than the rate of inflation. Had we continued to let the expenses exceed the revenues for another year, we would have been in trouble.'

But the hard part is still ahead. According to acting city administrator Ron Olson, council cut \$3.75 million in spending from the 2001-2002 budget—but is still looking at a projected deficit of about \$1.6 million for the year. And "the budget doesn't get any easier next year," Hieftje notes. In mid February, Olson was predicting a 2.5 million deficit.

To further cut spending, department heads have been meeting to determine how many of the retirees' positions can be left unfilled—and whether the cuts can be made without significantly reducing city services. By the time the new budget is presented in April, some significant changes are expected to be in place.

Right now there are still many unknowns about how the new, smaller city government will play out. But interviews with Hieftje and key staff people suggest some of the possibilities. For example, the community development department may be in line for a major overhaul, because director Eileen Ryan and two other key people—a third of the staff—are taking early retirement. To save on overhead, the remaining staff could be merged into another department.

That's already happening with the city parking system. When key parking administrators accepted the early retirement offer, administrators proposed that the unit be eliminated altogether. If council approves, the Downtown Development Authoritywhich already manages the city's parking structures—will take over responsibility for maintaining meters and collecting meter revenue. Parking enforcement has already moved to the police department.

The police department itself will be losing-seventeen positions, but the mayor says that the average citizen should not be concerned. The department was top heavy, says Hieftje, noting that until recently there were no fewer than five deputy police chiefs (after the early retirements, the count is down to two). As for the fire department, the mayor points out that it reduced its staff by thirteen positions without closing any stations. Thanks to the spread of sprinkler systems, he adds, the department puts out fewer than half as many fires as it did fifteen years ago.

City council appears to be solidly behind the mayor. Some members, including Fourth Ward Republican Marcia Higgins, have been working on the changes with City Hall staff. Higgins could be quoting Hieftje when she says, "We are committed

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Olson gets high praise for his work as acting city administrator, but there still will be plenty for the new permanent administrator to tackle. City council's choice, Roger Fraser, has impressed people with his listening skills and his enthusiasm for Ann Arbor. But he's never dealt with a restructuring on this scale.

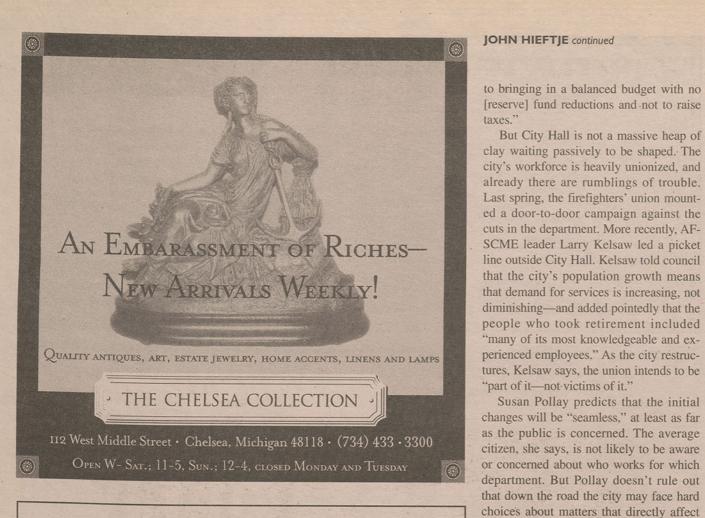
Ron Olson notes. "They expect to have a

Mayor Hieftje sounds less worried than either Olson or Pollay about how changes will play out. He predicts that the downsizing will be flexible enough to accommodate any needed changes along the way. And he always returns with satisfaction to his main thesis: "We're trying to become more efficient in what we do, we're paying attention to the bottom line, and we will not raise the millage on the taxpayers."

Full-time mayor

In 1983 Hieftje had a life-changing encounter at Escoffier restaurant, when a friend introduced him to the striking young woman playing the piano. It was the first night on the job for Kathryn Goodson, an Oberlin grad with a degree in piano performance. Goodson and Hieftje soon became an item, although their longCa

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stripping revenues," she says.

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Susan Pollay predicts that the initial

voters. "It's very difficult to make choices

about priorities when expenditures are out-

'People in this community expect a lot,"

Like most crucial decisions in John Hieftje's freshman year as mayor, the Pfizer tax abatement came down to money.

When the U-M offered to sell fifty-five acres next door to the drug giant's mushrooming north-side research complex, Pfizer talked to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation about state tax breaks for the proposed expansion. But state aid is contingent on offers of assistance by the local community-and Ann Arbor had granted just one tax break in the previous twenty years. "I had an e-mail from [MEDC president] Doug Rothwell asking whether they should go forward with the process and whether the city would consider it," Hieftje recalls, "because [Ann Arbor] didn't have a history of granting tax abatements.'

After reading up on the subject, Hieftje decided he'd personally support an abatement. "It's difficult for me to say that we don't want new jobs in town," he explains. Though he thought Pfizer might go ahead even without the incentive, he didn't want to risk losing a project with so much potential to benefit the city. Simply putting the site itself on the tax rolls would generate almost a quarter of a million dollars a year in city property taxes. If the entire \$600-\$800 million project were completed, Pfizer would pay an estimated \$47 million in additional city taxes over a twenty-year period-even after the tax breaks the company was seeking.

Hieftje told Rothwell that although he couldn't speak for his colleagues, he'd negotiate with the company and bring a proposal to council. In August he began meeting with Pfizer site head David Canter, usually at a restaurant close to one of their offices-Argiero's for Hieftje, Cooker for Canter. "Things really got intense after the [council] working session in October," Hieftje recalls. "That's when we started negotiating in earnest.

The mayor polled council members to see what issues their constituents were concerned about. By far the most frequently raised concern was the added traffic on busy Plymouth Road. For the council members themselves, though, the big issue was money: they didn't want to make any concessions that could leave the city worse off if Pfizer changed its plans.

The company was willing to work to minimize traffic, agreeing to build fewer parking spaces than had been planned and to promote the use of van pools. But Pfizer flatly refused to accept any agreement requiring it to give back the tax breaks if it cut back at

At that point, the talks got "very hot and heavy," recalls Fifth Ward council rep Chris Easthope. "There was a great deal of frustration on both sides. We felt the negotiations were stuck."

Easthope found the way out. To protect the city, he asked, would Pfizer commit itself to a minimum tax payment? "David Canter came back [saying], 'I think that's something we're willing to do,'" Easthope recalls. Pfizer eventually agreed that no matter what happens during the planned six-year construction period, it will never pay less than the \$2.15 million the city will receive this year.

With that assurance, council voted 9-2 to approve the abatement. The No votes were cast by Third Ward Democrats Heidi Cowing Herrell and Jean Carlberg. Herrell wanted to protest the use of animals in pharmaceutical research. Carlberg explained that she simply didn't believe in "corporate welfare."

Hieftje says he respects their positions—but he adds, "I'm positive we made the right decision.'



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Kathryn Goodson shares her husband's love of the outdoors.

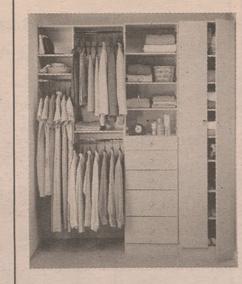
term romance was interrupted by Goodson's extended studies in Germany, where she earned her doctorate with a specialty in accompanying other musicians. They were married on New Year's Eve 1999.

A few weeks back, Hieftje and Goodson met a reporter at the Sunflower Cafe—a date that had to be arranged days in advance because of their hectic schedules. ("Kathryn and I will go for a week sometimes and hardly see each other," Hieftje reflects ruefully.) Goodson, who wears her long hair swept back in a theatrical style, recalls cheerfully that Hieftje was different from the East Coast musical guys she'd hung out with previously. "He was really midwestern. He was a Michigander—he liked to go fishing, he liked to go hunting." She recalls one occasion early in their relationship when they were in the Blue Front looking at magazines. "I would always look at big-city magazines with glamorous women on the cover. He picked up a fishing magazine. It was very, very refreshing."

Goodson, who shares her husband's pleasure in parks and hiking, says that Hieftje does not fit anyone's stereotype of a politician—"He doesn't go around currying favors." Her point is that in local government, you can still be yourself and be effective. And, she adds, "I've become so convinced that it's local politics where we can become influential." Hieftje responds, "What local government does is almost more important than what happens in Washington."

Hieftje has cut back on his real estate work to be virtually a full-time mayor. But he still tries to make time for a weekly pickup basketball game at Slauson Middle School. Businessman and yoga teacher Dave Ufer has played with and against Hieftje ever since both were students at Slauson forty years ago. The mayor "has over the years worked on his weaknesses to the point that he is playing the best basketball of his life," Ufer says.

It's just one more area where things are coming together for the late bloomer. Perhaps because his success has been so long in arriving, there's nothing tentative about Hieftje's grasp of it. Despite his contentious first year, his steadfastness of purpose and his sureness about what he's doing appear undimmed. After his surprising ascendancy to the city's most powerful position, he almost makes you feel that reorganizing City Hall should be a slam dunk.



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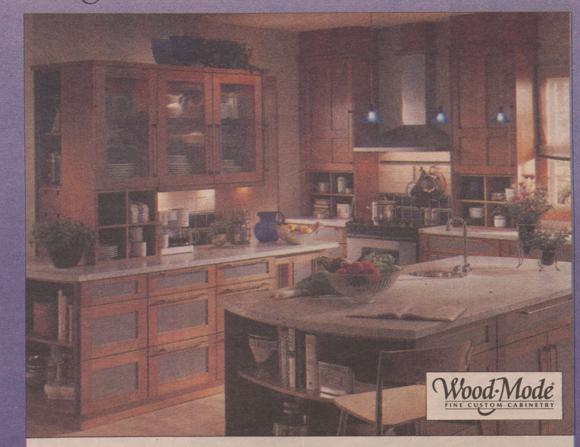


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by Matthew Higbee

n the night of February 1, 2000, LaVell Blanchard sat at his locker, getting ready for the biggest game of the year. A starting forward for the Michigan men's basketball team, Blanchard was one of a trio of freshman recruits who were resuscitating a nearly drowned program. He was the local hero, the kid who had carried Ann Arbor Pioneer on his back to its miraculous first ever state championship, become one of the highest-rated recruits in the nation, and signed with his hometown school.

At twelve victories and five losses, the young Wolverines had already matched the win total of the 1998–1999 team. The fans filtering into Crisler Arena had reason to hope for a win over perennial rival Michigan State. But ten minutes before tip-off, the hammer fell.

Blanchard was tying his sneakers when the doors flew open. Men in business suits—coaches, assistants, and officials he didn't know—streamed in and surrounded his teammate and friend Jamal Crawford.

"The bad thing was that we warmed up with Jamal. He was dressed. And then they came in and said, 'Jamal, you can't play,'" says Blanchard, two years later. The NCAA suspended Crawford for accepting gifts as an amateur and attempting to enter the NBA draft while still in high school

The Wolverines went 3–9 for the rest of the season. Local sportswriters will say that even with Crawford, the young team would have struggled through the second half of its schedule. But the effects of the sudden loss were as much psychological as physical.

"Can you imagine going into the biggest game of the year, Michigan-Michigan State, and hearing the news that your starting two guard isn't going to play?" Blanchard asks. "The blow was the fact that not only he was gone, but it was a stress for the team because we didn't know what was going to happen."

Crawford's suspension was just one chapter in the longrunning saga of Michigan basketball's fall from glory. For Blanchard, though, it marked the beginning of a night-

mare. Had the series of unfortunate events following that night come from a Hollywood scriptwriter's pen, you'd have thrown popcorn at the screen and walked out of the theater muttering "Unbelievable." But Blanchard, flesh and blood, has more than just endured them. His tireless and selfless devotion to a program in its time of dire need is nothing short of heroic. Along the way he has quietly ascended into the ranks of Michigan's all-time best players. Yet for many fans and media, he somehow can't do enough. It's a fault that says less about him than about us.

Limited access

On the second floor of the Hartwig Building, the media relations staff is settling into new digs. The place has the energy of a political campaign in its early stages, especially for those in the basketball-marketing machine. Coach Tommy Amaker is the new chief for Team M—tight mouthed, he's in the office Saturdays and Sundays, leaving frenetic email, phone-tag, and pager messages in his wake.

Tom Wywrot handles the press for Michigan basket-ball. At 1 p.m. on the Wednesday before Christmas, I'm sitting in his office, waiting to meet Blanchard. Wywrot tells me I'll have forty-five minutes, which is a big improvement on the fifteen minutes in the locker room he'd initially offered, but not as tempting as the hour in a cafe I want.

"That's not going to happen," Wywrot assured me when I asked about an off-campus meeting. "There are NCAA regulations. I can show you a book *this* thick. What happens if you buy him a cup of coffee?"

The Michigan athletic department is taking no chances these days. In the two years before Amaker was hired, the team lost, in approximate succession: Crawford to the NCAA and then to the NBA; a girl's Palm Pilot, allegedly stolen by a player, which was later unlost; sophomore Leland Anderson and senior Brandon Smith to transfers; freshman starting point guard Kevin Gaines to an arrest for drunken driving; twenty-seven out of forty games; athletic director Tom Goss; head coach Brian Ellerbe; and, though it seemed impossible, even more face in the undead Ed "Booster" Martin story. Needless to say, everyone within a whiff of the basketball program is a little edgy at the moment.

A locker room is a fine place for recording clichés for the sports pages but not for learning about the person behind the clichés. I promise Wywrot that Blanchard and I will go double dutch at Cava Java. No dice. Even if I don't accidentally do something that offends the NCAA, Wywrot points out, Michigan has a new coach and a new program under intense media scrutiny. If Blanchard were to meet me in some cafe and say something, "it's my ass on the line!" he says. "It's not going to happen." What will happen is a partially supervised interview in the room next to Wywrot's office.

Blanchard is with the trainer, in one of the few moments of relative stillness in a day that opens and closes with team meals and in between is booked with class, practice, weight training, and appointments with strangers like me. He is also late, and Wywrot is getting antsy. Wywrot phones one of the assistants over at Crisler picking up after the morning's practice. "Hey. It's me. Can you push him along? Have him showered and bring him along."

Across the hallway, Dommanic Ingerson—Dom da Bomb, a three-point ace and the new media darling from southern California—talks with a Detroit reporter. While we wait, Wywrot warns me about Blanchard's legendary reticence with the media.

"I tell these guys, 'When you get to the pros, the locker room is open before the game and after the game. If you don't talk, you don't get paid,'" Wywrot says.

According to the U-M's media guide, eleven of about seventy players in the past twelve years have made it to the NBA.

Ten minutes later Blanchard comes limping down the hallway. Ankle sprains. He tries to disarm Wywrot's irritation by shadowboxing with him.

Wywrot shows us into a half-assembled room of file cabinets, dividers, and desks. He returns to his office.

I ask Blanchard how he feels about talking to the media. "It's fine," he says. "It's the media. You have to do it. It's something to do with the program. It's something you do just to be an athlete."

He then recalls a kid named Large on one of his old Amateur Athletic Union teams in the Grand Rapids League.



Walking the Walk continued

"We always used to role-play on the bench. We'd pretend we were different commentators, asking questions during halftime. He would hold up a fake mike and say, 'How do you feel about your performance, LaVell?' Or during warm-up he'd say, 'How are you feelin'?' And I would say, 'Well, you know . . . " he remembers, laughing.

Are the questions much different today?

LaVell Junior says he picked Michigan because "of the education, the basketball tradition, the Fab Five, the championships, the coaches—and Ann Arbor is my home. I wanted my mom to see me play." Of course, he had no way of knowing when he signed that the highly touted class he entered with would unravel by his sophomore year.

"Evidently it was a mistake made," his father says in hindsight. "But this is such a big business. You have to say, 'I'm going

> to go where I'm comfortable.' He didn't really make a bad decision. Ellerbe had to look at a lot of players. It's a crapshoot. They didn't roll up right for

him."

If LaVell Junior has any such regrets, though, he's not about to share them publicly. "I've met great people on my team and in the coaching staff," he says. "I wouldn't trade that for anything."

Blanchard is more of a thinking player than a flashy one. Because former coach Brian Ellerbe failed to recruit a single big man who stuck around long enough to be a factor, Blanchard often finds himself playing the four position, power forward against taller and heavier guys. Nonetheless, he has led the U-M in scoring and rebounding For the past two years. By the end of this season, he will likely crack the top twenty on Michigan's all-time scoring list.



Great expectations

Growing up, Blanchard didn't have much competition in Ann Arbor. On weekends his parents carted him to the state's premier basketball centers: Detroit, Flint, and Grand Rapids. During the week, "game on" was in the backyard with dad. "He taught me everything I know," he says.

"He's just saying that to be kind," LaVell Senior says later.

At an early age, LaVell Junior showed a nearly egoless respect for authority and will to improve his game. "I remember one junior high game when his father was on his case," says family friend Ed Klumm, retired longtime basketball coach for Huron High and LaVell Senior's coach at Ann Arbor High in the late 1950s. "He wanted him to do such-and-such. He kept hollering. A lot of youngsters at thirteen cannot handle that. I remember LaVell turning to him and saying, 'Just tell me what you want me to do, sir, and I'll do it."

In Blanchard's freshman year at Ann Arbor Pioneer, the team lost twenty games. Pioneer went 5-15 the following year and one game under .500 when he

"No, they're very similar."

I doubt Large ever asked, "So, LaVell, why'd you come here to play?" But when I consider that Blanchard had his pick of any university in the country, the question does spring to mind. This is a guy who received personal phone calls from Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, Georgetown's John Thompson, and MSU's Tom Izzo. But Michigan had already been sold to Blanchard, not by Brian Ellerbe, but by Steve Fisher several years earlier.

"Steve Fisher must have been one hell of a recruiter, because he sold the school to LaVell," recalls Blanchard's father, LaVell Blanchard Sr. "He sat down LaVell in the eighth and ninth grade and mostly talked up the education."

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It had all the elements of the Cinderella story hardwired into every sports fan's brain. And when Blanchard signed with Michigan-a program battered by scandal and coming off the worst season in seventeen years-fans and the media alike expected him to perform the same miracle again. To say the least, it was an unfortu-

Blanchard had walked into impossible expectations-and onto a stage where images can be more important than reality. The sports media that he and Large once mocked give the appearance of getting close to a ballplayer by broadcasting interviews live from the locker room after the game. But all we really see is a picture framed and distributed to conform to one or another of the standard stories that appeal to the popular imagination—in his case, hometown recruit as Cinderella. It was a fairy tale that left little opportunity for a realistic assessment of the new, harsher world Blanchard had entered.

Few U-M fans had ever seen Blanchard play in high school. He was a quiet kid who mentored his teammates individually but was rarely the one to fire up the team in the locker room. He was, and is today, more of a thinking player than a flashy one—a calm presence on the floor who's an offensive threat because he knows what his teammates are doing.

His shooting, rebounding, and passing skills rank among the best in the Big Ten, but his workmanlike style makes him less noticeable than the more athletic high-flyers. It's really the style of an excellent role player rather than the style of a catalyst. But role player is not the part the media had in mind when they scripted Blanchard's story.

Instead of Cinderella, the sportswriters wound up recording a depressing soap opera. In the two years since Jamal Crawford's abrupt suspension, nothing's gone right for the Wolverines. Only one other player from Blanchard's highly rated recruiting class, guard Gavin Groninger, is still with the team, and for the past couple of years the top recruits have consistently said no to the Maize and Blue.

With walk-ons playing roles usually filled by scholarship players, the Wolverines are badly undersize. Big Ten programs commonly play two guys standing at least six feet ten inches tall, but Michigan's tallest player this season is six-footnine Chris Young. Blanchard is listed as six feet seven inches—and that's probably

The overmatched Wolverines have compiled a losing streak not seen since the late 1960s. Many fans have responded by walking away-or, worse, indulging in the pleasures of bashing the kids.

When you're winning, everyone is right there with you," Blanchard says. **BRONSON**

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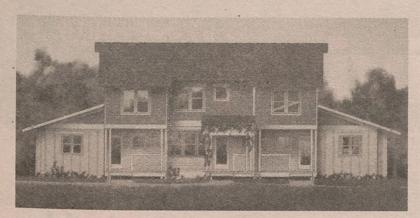
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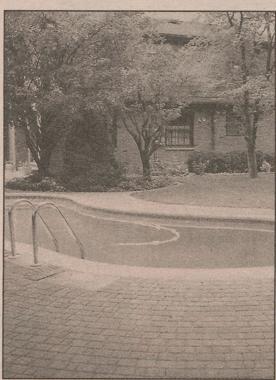
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"You find out who your friends are real quick when you're losing."

Stoic on the court, Blanchard is fortunate to have an extensive support network behind the scenes. He has mentors he can turn to during rough stretches.

"It's been a team effort to raise LaVell—his great-aunt, his uncles," his father says. "When we see him, we never talk basket-ball with him."

When the same writers who once proclaimed Blanchard to be Michigan's savior ask him how it feels to fall so far short, the junior dodges. He has made his peace with the burden of inflated hometown expectations.

"You feel pressure, but you can't look at it that way," he says. "I can only go out there and play as hard as I can, and hopefully you respect me for that. If you don't, I'm sorry. I can't do anything else."

Toward the end of what looks like his second losing season in a row, he does do something else. He thinks about his teammates. "I just want to win. I want this team to leave on a high note—not for myself, but this team for this year, because this is the last year for some of these guys."

Bleeding maize and blue

Blanchard's life is shaped by the demands of high-level basketball. Like nearly all Division I athletes, he sacrifices a well-rounded campus life to remain competitive. "Some courses you might want to get involved with, or some groups, you can't do because of time constraints," he says. Not that he's complaining. "You also have to realize how blessed you are and how lucky you are to be in the situation you're in," he volunteers, "and how many others want to be in the same situation."

Compared with several notable players from Michigan's storied past, Blanchard shows a dedication that borders on asceticism. No fur coats. Nothing stronger than soda pop.

"If two guys are acting crazy, a guy who's an athlete and a guy who's not, who are you going to remember?" he asks rhetorically. "I have to get my rest at night. I don't know any different. I've never had the opportunity to not set my alarm clock."

He's also a true scholar-athlete. His mom's a teacher, and his parents care at least as much about his grades as about his point totals. Despite the enormous demands of basketball, he earned two Bs and an A last semester. But of course, nobody buys tickets to see him study.

Although his team isn't winning, he can point to many individual accomplishments. For the past two and a half years, Blanchard has led the team in scoring and rebounding, becoming only the twenty-fourth Wolverine with both 500 rebounds and 1,000 points. By the end of the season he will likely crack the top twenty on Michigan's all-time scoring list. He earned a spot on the All Big Ten second team at the end of his sophomore year.

But he can't make himself, or his teammates, any taller. In four seasons as coach, Brian Ellerbe failed to recruit a single big man who stuck around long enough to be

a factor. As a result, Blanchard often finds himself playing the four position, power forward, against taller and heavier guys.

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He makes up for some of this disadvantage with his tremendous leaping ability. More impressive than his vertical leap is Blanchard's quickness in springing from flat feet to above the rim. He consistently wins the opening tip-off against centers several inches taller than he is.

But muscling with the big men means he has less energy to make the "give me the ball because I will drain it" cut than he could if he were the three, the small forward.

"The problem started back in high school," says Demon Manning, Blanchard's housemate and a former coach's assistant at Pioneer. "He's ideally a three. guard Avery Queen practices his foul shots, Blanchard tries to make him flinch, waving an arm in his face. He taps balls out of the hands of unsuspecting players. He's all smiles. While the constant defeats may wear at him internally, he has lost no love for the game or his teammates.

"We try to just have fun and enjoy ourselves," he says later.

For the first half of this year, Blanchard's numbers were off as he adjusted to Amaker's system. He will be the first to tell you that he hasn't played up to his potential. He's made modest contributions—the picks, passes, and rebounds needed out of any team player. But fans want him to score more points and win more games.

Finding these fans, however, requires that you go to a game—since that's the

"You feel pressure, but you can't look at it that way," he says. "I can only go out there and play as hard as I can, and hopefully you respect me for that. If you don't, I'm sorry. I can't do anything else."

But in high school we needed him as a five. Now he's playing a four."

If Blanchard has any shot at making the NBA, it will be as a three—a position he may go through his entire high school and college careers never having played consistently. But some say that's a moot point.

"How many six-foot-seven rebounding power forwards in the pros have you ever heard of?" a member of the press asked me before a Michigan home game. "One—Charles Barkley. And there are no more Charles Barkleys."

Amaker says, "I think he's been what we've needed him to be. Whether he's a three or a four, he's a forward. Call it a combo forward. And I think he likes the fact that he's versatile."

As he does with almost all his answers to the press, Blanchard puts a positive spin on this situation.

"I play where coach tells me to play. He's trying to make me a better player all around, and I think that in the long run that's just going to help me out better. He's trying to make me improve, and I appreciate that."

Had he chosen, Blanchard could easily have transferred to a school with higher-caliber players and a chance to compete in the upper echelon of Division I basketball. Instead, during one of the roughest stretches in Michigan's history, he has been a rock, scoring in double figures night in and night out, playing with a calm, confident presence on the floor, never sitting out practices or games despite his ankle injuries.

He couldn't be a better company man for the university. But as long as his team is losing, fan disappointment in the program will spill over into disappointment in him.

Falling stock

On January 5 Purdue is in town. Thirty minutes before the game, the teams shoot around as fans trickle into Crisler Arena. Blanchard plays the jokester. As point

only place you will find people who care enough about this team to watch them. The stock of Michigan basketball has sunk so low in Ann Arbor that local bars will routinely switch all two dozen televisions to any sporting event, live or prerecorded, other than that day's U-M basketball game. I was nearly kicked out of one bar because I protested the use of nine out of ten sets, including the one big-screen TV, for a Tampa-Philadelphia football game while Michigan was playing at Illinois.

"Where are you from, anyway?" I asked the owner.

"Lansing," he said, explaining everything.

The hard-core Crisler fans have been rewarded this season—not so much with victories as with the chance to witness a kind of civilization emerge out of anarchy. Coming out of the chaos of last year, these athletes have learned to play with discipline, structure, and will to win each time they step out onto the court. Amaker is the first teaching coach Michigan has had in a long, long time.

For the Wolverines to stay competitive, they need to be at the top of their game every second. Unlike the Fab Five, these players can't coast on size and athletic ability. That's part of their appeal. When they do click, you can see how teamwork breaks down individual athleticism every time.

Still, they are not yet good enough to challenge for the national title—as everyone from the regents on down expects them to do. This sense of entitlement stems in large part from the Fab Five's continuing presence as the standard for all Michigan basketball teams. A decade ago, those stellar players brought the culture of big-business sports to the U-M, establishing Michigan as a semipro feeder for the NBA—and as a school that graduated just 20 percent of its scholarship players.

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Walking the Walk continued

the third worst in the Big Ten and don't seem likely to improve until the team is once again a contender. Even former players stay away because the program is losing. Blanchard grew up idolizing the Fab Five; he decided to enroll in Michigan in no small part because he wanted to be part of a tradition they elevated to new heights.

But unless Amaker's first recruiting class makes a splash to rival their own, Juwan Howard, Ray Jackson, Jimmy King, Jalen Rose, and Chris Webber are unlikely to reunite in Ann Arbor during Blanchard's career.

"They [the Fab Five] want to come back and trash talk with these guys," says former Wolverine guard

> Blanchard's famous reticence with the press may have something to do with the fact that he's on to their clichés—years ago he and a buddy used to role-play media interviews on the bench, and he says the questions haven't changed much since. But he gladly makes time for those who've stuck with the team through its trials, especially his first fans—his mom, Cheryl, and his dad, LaVell Senior.



Dugan Fife. "But what are they going to say? 'You lost to State by twenty this year and not fifty'?"

Because Blanchard is Michigan's best player, his own stock has fallen with the team's. There are those who would like to hold him accountable for the team's current misery. They do it in the bars, in phone calls to his home, and in the especially cruel Internet chat rooms. But anyone who takes a Michigan loss harder than Blanchard does should be put on twenty-four-hour watch. When Michigan loses, he takes it so personally that it's painful for him even to talk about it.

After a loss at home to Northwestern, Blanchard's eyes are narrowed and his mouth drawn tight as he waits on the leather interview couch in the locker room for the obligatory postgame questions: "How could this happen?" "Where is this team headed?"

In a dispirited voice, he rattles off the clichés into the microphones as if he studied at the feet of the Kevin Costner character in the film Bull Durham.

What does he do after a loss like this?

"I go home and watch the tape," he says simply. "I try to figure out what I should have done."

Media daze

There's no defeat to dissect tonight: the Wolverines beat Purdue. Thirty minutes after the game ends, the media descend

upon the locker room, voraciously hunting

for sound bites. At the head of the pack,

Tom Wywrot opens the door and yells,

The press outnumber the players four

"I'm a guerrilla fighter," says one goril-

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way over to Chris Young.

Blanchard is still in the shower. "Where is LaVell? Someone get Tom and tell him to get him and bring him out here," says a twitchy guy in a leather jacket.

"Why does he need to be out here right now?" I ask.

"Because he's supposed to be here and he knows it."

Blanchard has relaxed considerably in front of the microphones since his first year, but now that he is too old to fit their Cinderella story line, many in the daily press are clearly tired of him and a little frustrated with him. He's not what they want him to be, what they hyped him to be. But there's more to their discomfort

Sportswriters are romantics at heart. The beat offers them an emotionally satisfying world of larger-than-life themes, black-and-white outcomes, heroes and villains. When they have to cover a losing team, they become unhappy and cynical. You can hear the distaste in their wisecracks in the media room before press conferences and over the buffet table at home games.

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But when they interview a new recruit with untapped potential, like Ingerson, they're transformed. You can sense their excitement as they try to elicit good copy from an overwhelmed teenager. It's as if, in connecting with the kid, they tap back into the dream that turned them on to this line of work to begin with—as if they've reconnected with their own hearts.

For many reporters, Blanchard no longer works this magic, and they resent him for it.

"I'm a quiet guy," he says, explaining his side of the equation. "It's not a normal thing for a twenty-year-old to have a microphone in your face all the time."

"The problem with the media is that they like a person that is vociferous," says veteran coach Ed Klumm. "And LaVell just isn't that way.

"I just say, 'Media be damned,'" Klumm continues. "This is a player that any coach would love on their team. He's not one to toot his own horn. He's not one to be critical of other players. That's too bad-not for LaVell, but for the sportswriters."

lt's a family affair

On February 9 the Wolverines tough out another win against Penn State. Blanchard scores eighteen, including the most important baskets late in the game. Afterward, two dozen of Blanchard's inner circle, including his parents, friends of the family, uncles, hallmates from his frosh year, and his old junior high coach, wait for him in the stands. And wait.

"You know how long he takes," says his uncle to his mom.

He emerges from the tunnel forty minutes after the game ends. Kids swarm around him with pens and programs. He jokes with them and signs autographs. He has his picture taken with several groups. Eventually he climbs the steps to hug and shake hands with his truest fans. It's the same ritual after each game.

Blanchard teases his dad. "I made a hundred-dollar bet with him," he tells me. "Said he couldn't touch the rim. I won that

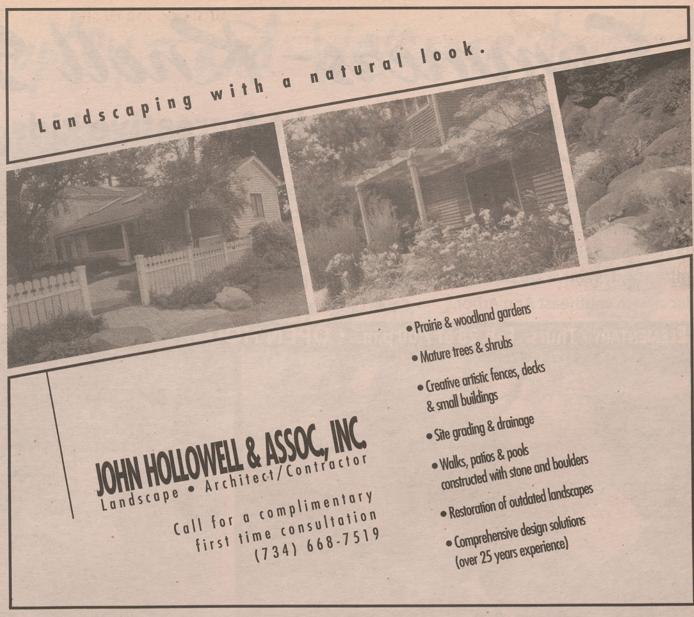
"It's not my fault they raised the rim up," his father shoots back.

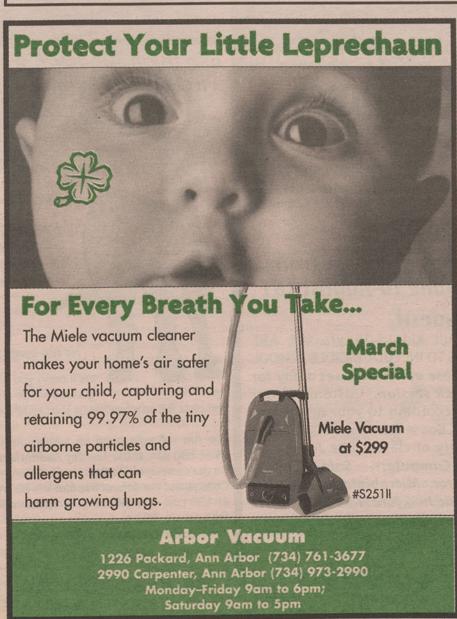
Tonight the team is flying out west for a game with Colorado State.

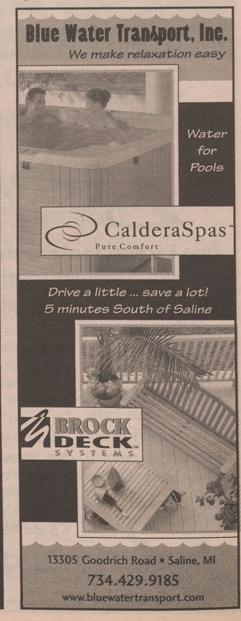
"We're supposed to wear a suit, too," Blanchard says with mock disgust. "They just said a jacket and tie, though-didn't say anything about the pants. I'm wearing these," he says tugging at his sweats.

He turns to his undergraduate friends, who are wearing the funny hats and banana yellow T-shirts of the Maize Rage, the student cheering section. "Who has the keys? Let's go. I'm hungry."

Today, in the eyes of strangers, he's a hero again. But to himself and the people who care about him, he's just a happy college kid, living for the moment.







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My Bankruptcy—and Welcome tout



When the erstwhile owner of the SKR music stores went out of business last year, he found out more than he—or anybody else—ever wanted to know about being broke.

by James Leonard

federal and state tax officials and a lot—a whole lot—of lawyers. Today it got to go with me to declare bankruptcy. It seemed like the right thing to wear for the occasion.

When you enter the Federal Building, you have to walk through a metal detector, and if the guard is the slightest bit suspicious, he'll frisk you or maybe even pat you down. I don't know

whether he let me through because I was wearing the suit or just because I didn't look any crazier than most of the people who show up on Tuesdays.

Local accountants and attorneys estimate that about 100 people declare bankruptcy here every week. Most come from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, but small-rural towns account for more than their per-capita share. Younger debtors often wind up here after losing a job and falling behind on their overextended credit card debt. Older petitioners are more likely to be driven over the financial brink by uninsured medical bills. Others are here because of gambling or alcoholism or gross financial incompetence. My sin was selling CDs.

In the corridor outside the courtroom I joined a flock of anxious folks talking with earnest men who carried bulging briefcases. Some petitioners looked angry; some looked confused; some looked as if they were about to start bawling. One burly guy with a brush cut, wearing a hunting jacket, was struck somewhere between agony and ecstasy: tears of relief were in his eyes, but there was a choked laugh in his two-pack-a-day voice. I think I know how he felt: the business I had owned owed about \$1.25 million, and, by the grace of God and the federal court, both of us were about to have that debt slide off our backs like a gentle spring rain.

Well, maybe not exactly like a gentle spring rain: both of us, and everybody else in that hallway, were also about to lose nearly everything we owned. The laws governing

bankruptcy say you can keep a house and a car as long as you keep up the payments on them, but since we were all dead broke, how many of us would be able to go on making big monthly payments on a house and a car? The law also says you can keep \$8,000 worth of personal possessions. For a lot of folks, that meant that the Jet Ski, the snowmobile, the SUV, and the vacation house up north would have to be sold off to pay debts. Luckily for me, I didn't own a home—the divorce back in the early 1990s had taken care of that—and the big black Expedition I'd been driving for the previous couple of years was leased in my company's name, so Ford had already repossessed that toy. Of course all the savings I had were long gone; I had invested that money in the stores, and it had gone up in flames with the business.

I found, to my amazement, that my material possessions were within the legal allowance. The books, the records, the furniture, the clothes, even the suit I had on—all of it wasn't worth \$8,000. My entire personal net worth turned out to be less than \$6,500, and most of it was tied up in a piano that I couldn't even afford to get tuned. In bankruptcy I would lose only my credit cards, my credit rating, my ability to get a loan for a house or a car or anything else for another seven years—and the \$1.25 million debt. I could live with all that just so long as I could still play the slow movement of the Ravel piano concerto.

was having more trouble living without my exalted standing in the community. I'd been running record stores in Ann Arbor for twenty-three years. I'd been the music critic for the Ann Arbor News until they fired me for being too critical and then for the Ann Arbor Observer, where they actually wanted their critics to be critical. I'd even had a weekly radio show with Jerry Brennan on WUOM for a few years. In a very small way in a very small city, I was famous—in the very limited sense that people who'd never met me knew who I was and had an opinion about me.

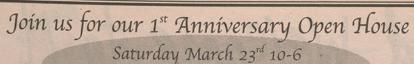
It didn't bother me too much that their opinion was usually that I was a loudmouthed jerk. As Oscar Wilde used to say, the only thing worse than being talked about was not being talked about. But now even that dubious fame was

n any given Tuesday the Federal Building on Liberty Street is filled with people declaring bankruptcy. Of course judges and lawyers are also there, sometimes husbands or wives are there, sometimes kids or there, trying to squeeze blood from a turnip. But mostly it's bankrupt people all by themselves. There are some things you just have to do by yourself in this life, and declaring bankruptcy seems to be one of them.

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On this particular sunny Tuesday afternoon in late April, I was the only person in bankruptcy court wearing a suit, a once elegant Calvin Klein, with a gorgeous blackand-blue tie, flecked with gold doodads, which the woman I loved had gotten me when we were in Vienna. The trustee, Basil Simon, was dressed in a tweed jacket; the lawyers were dressed in sport coats; my fellow debtors were wearing everything from combat fatigues to calico dresses. But I wore the suit I had bought three and a half years earlier, after I bought my first store.

The suit had seen some wear and tear. It had been to concerts, museums, and restaurants in New York, Chicago, and Paris; it had been to a wedding in northern Portugal, and it had been shopping in Amsterdam. Plus it had been inside many banks' commercial loan departments, and many more accountants' and lawyers' offices than I cared to remember. Lately it had seen more than a few



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The day the bank closed SKR in January 2001, Leonard owed \$1.25 million.

gone, transformed into notoriety by society's fear of financial failure. At a concert at Hill Auditorium a month before, people who used to ask me what I thought about each performance shunned me as if I had a disfiguring disease. That very day, as I'd walked down Liberty Street to the Federal Building, a family had crossed the street to avoid me.

It was understandable. I'd been a loudmouthed jerk with more pride than Saul for twenty-three years, and the cold shoulder and the icy stare were pretty much what I deserved. But even people much nicer than I am get the same treatment when they go bankrupt. Bankruptcy is a lot like a messy divorce or a serious illness: most folks try to stay clear of the person going through it so that they won't catch it.

You think I'm making this up? See what happens when you go through a messy divorce or get seriously ill. Sometimes your friends just don't know what to say, so they avoid you. Sometimes they blame you for your own misfortune, so they avoid you. Sometimes they're just compassionless sons of bitches, so they avoid you. But one way or another, most of the people you thought were your friends will be gone in an Ann Arbor minute, leaving you all alone to contemplate your sins in darkness and despair.

To make things worse, I'd also lost the woman I loved. As you can imagine, my tendency to be a loudmouthed jerk only got worse as my business headed south, so I didn't really blame her for leaving. I'd have left myself if I could have, but where could I go? I had three kids to take care of. and while bashing my head into a wall until I passed out was an appealing means of relieving stress, it wasn't really a viable long-term solution. I'd dated other women after the business went belly-up, but they, too, had dropped me. I didn't blame them, either: a loudmouthed jerk with money has a certain indefinable charm, but a loudmouthed jerk who's broke is just a jerk.

But the worst thing was that I had failed. I had failed the people who'd believed in me, failed my investors, failed my family, and failed to live up to the ideals I'd set for myself. I'd never believed that

financial success is the only real measur of worth in this decadent capitalist society I was a child of the 1960s; what did I care for filthy lucre? But other people had be lieved in me: they'd supported me with their kindness and their music-buying money during the three and a half years owned the business. And some people and some of them were my family-had supported me with their kindness and the money by investing in the business. Now their money was gone with mine, turned ashes in the pyre that used to be my stores.

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I had believed that my business was good thing, both morally and aesthetically. truly, deeply, profoundly believed that sel ing great music at fair prices, with a staff that knew and loved the music, was a good thing. That paying the staff a fair wage with decent benefits was a good thing. That be cause, as Schopenhauer said, music is the only art form to touch the infinite, the stores were a kind of secular church, and music was a kind of Communion.

At first, the stores had even seemed like good business. I'd managed SKR Class! cal since it opened in 1986; I bought the store from Steve Bergman in 1997. Two years later, business was so good that took over Bergman's other longtime Lib erty Street storefronts to open SKR Pop & Rock and SKR Blues & Jazz.

I'd been a fool. The stores were available because Bergman could no longer pay his rent. I blithely assumed I could do better-but even as I raised my bets, the marketplace changed completely. Purchas ing music on-line eliminated the stores out-of-town business, while file sharing (i.e., stealing music) eliminated their student business. That's how I went from summer holiday in Vienna with a beautiful and beloved woman to standing all by my self in a bankruptcy court three and a half years later.

knew what was going to happen My attorney had told me over and over again. Like everybody else, I'd be called up to the bench. Like everybody else, I'd answer the standard questions my attorney would ask me, and then the trustee might ask me a few questions, too. After they were done with me, the trustee would ask whether anyone in the courtroom knew any reason why this bankruptcy should not be granted. It was no big deal; it happened every Tuesday.

Correction: it was no big deal, except that you never knew who might show up to contest the filing. Another bankruptcy veteran told me that he was in court with a couple who'd been rendered insolvent by medical bills incurred during their son's hospitalization and subsequent death. Their son had been hit while riding the bike they'd bought him for his birthday from a major department store—and the store's lawyers showed up to contest the bankruptcy. The parents had bought that bike on credit, and the store was determined to get its money.

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challenge my bankruptcy. Every single individual and organization to whom I or the business owed money had been officially notified of my court date. The companies I'd bought records from knew about it, and while the occasional store bankruptcy is part of doing business for the giants of the music industry, a lot of the little record companies can't afford too many bankruptcies without tipping into bankruptcy themselves. An importer on the East Coast had threatened to do everything this side of having me sent to Devil's Island if I didn't pay up, and I expected to see that firm's attorneys in the courtroom. Then there were plenty of local folks who had good reasons to come after me: the two women who did such a wonderful job decorating the windows, the employees whose last checks had bounced, the attorneys and accountants who'd done such great work trying to keep the business afloat. I didn't mean to stiff them, but I'd stiffed them nevertheless, and some of them were understandably pretty unhappy about it. But there wasn't a thing I could do. My entire net worth was less than \$6,500, and if I paid any of them, I'd be legally bound to pay back all the \$1.25 million. So even the window women were stuck with an uncollectible debt unless they decided to challenge me in court.









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was lucky: when my case was called, nobody said a word except the trustee, my lawyer, and me. My lawyer asked the standard questions: "Are you James Eugene Leonard?" "Did the business you owned contract the debts specified on this schedule?" "Did you make any personal guarantees for the debts on this schedule?"

The trustee asked a few questions: "What happened to the inventory and fixtures of the stores?" "You do know that you won't be able to keep the proceeds from the liquidation sale?" and so on. I got to answer yes to most of the questions and no to a couple of others, and that was that. My day in bankruptcy court was over.

Well, just about over: my lawyer met with me briefly outside the court to tell me that one of the stores' attorneys had told him she'd sue me if I didn't pay her bill. I advised him that I would certainly be willing to discuss paying her but that two things would have to be resolved before I could contemplate such a course of action (by this point I found it easy to slip into legal jargon). First, the stipulated sixty days that all the creditors had to challenge the

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Some debts aren't discharged by bankruptcy. Child support and alimony, for example, don't go away. Fortunately,

my ex-wife and I have joint custody, and she has a good job at the U-M Hospitals, so child support and alimony weren't an issue in my case. Credit card debt goes away (or it does now; the credit card companies are trying to get that little legal loophole eliminated). But tax debt is not erased. If you owe taxes to the government, federal or state, it will follow you to your grave to collect (fortunately, it'll follow you only to the grave; if you die while owing money for unpaid taxes, the debt does not pass to your heirs). As Al Capone and Willie Nelson learned, the taxing authorities do not forgive and they do not forget. For a few months during the stores' descent into the abyss, I hadn't paid the business's taxes. At the time it seemed smarter to pay the bank, the landlord, and the employees. I figured that I could always pay the taxes later if I were still in business, but that if the bank or the landlord shut the stores down or if the employees walked out, I'd never be able to pay the taxes. The bank and the landlord shut me down anyway, the employees didn't get paid for their last week's work, and theme to business sank with taxes owing.

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Anyway, that's what I was told. In reality, debtors' prison went out with bustle skirts, and even tax debts and trust fund violations can be negotiated. With the right accountants and attorneys, even these enormous sums can be stretched out over vast deserts of time and sometimes even reduced a little.

In my case, all this is still theoretical: though it's already been almost a year since that Tuesday in April when I declared bankruptcy, it may take as much as

another year to resolve my tax problems. Then, depending on the deal my accountants and the governments strike, it could take decades to pay off my tax debts. So the stores' attorney would just have to take her place in line behind the state and federal government—because they make sure that nobody, but nobody,

gets any money until they do.

My lawyer and I parted company. My day in court was now well and truly over. I went home and got drunk and waited for some individual or organization to come out of the woodwork and sue me. I was very lucky: as the days and weeks rolled by, not one of them did. I got to keep my suit and my piano, and I got to figure out how I was going to get through the rest of my life.

irst of all, I had to find a job. Bankruptcy isn't cheap. There are the lawyer fees and the accountant fees and the filing charges and a whole bunch of other things, and pretty soon I found that I'd spent something like \$15,000 going broke. And, of course, being bankrupted doesn't look all that great on your resume. But I was very, very lucky. The State Street Area Association gave me a job putting together a music festival for them (thanks, Tom and Karl!). The Observer let me keep writing

criticism for them despite the incontrovertible fact that everything I wrote was either a suicide note or a love letter (thanks, John and John!). And, best of all, a friend hired , and the me to work as a freelance critic for the online classical database he edits (thanks, just th Jerry!). All these things enabled me to pay rest and accountants and attorneys and rent and the un utilities and even eat meat and drink interes whiskey every now and again. Plus-and th unti this was the really good part—I got to y Tues work as much as I wanted. In my case, "as 000 and much as I wanted" was twelve hours a s mon day, seven days a week, for eleven xes and months.

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Next I had to find a way to live with myself. Like everyone else who's ever gone through bankruptcy, I was going to do it one bloody day at a time.

Everyone I've talked with who's gone through a bankruptcy says it takes three to five years to start to feel that life is worth living again. I've made some sort of start. Even a bankrupt, I discovered, can write, listen to great music, read great books, look at great art, and play the piano. I did all those things, and they occupied my mind most of the time. Plus I started exercising regularly. Most days I rode my bike out to Dexter and back, and some days, when I was in a particularly rotten mood, I'd pedal all the way to Chelsea. That was wonderful: I got to ride and sweat and curse myself and everybody else to my heart's content, and no one could hear me.

Eventually I more or less stopped drinking and more or less stopped cursing. And after my tenth time through the Book of Job, I went off to find a deity who was less likely to leave me abhorring myself and repenting in dust and ashes. I haven't found that One yet, but these days I'm spending a lot of my time with the Buddha. Anyone who believes that life is suffering and that compassion and kindness are the path to enlightenment is my kind of guy.

If there's one thing I've learned from my bankruptcy, it's that Paul, né Saul, was right. Faith and hope are swell, but lovelove as compassion, love as kindness, love as forgiveness—is the only thing that really matters. Forget money: that comes and goes: one day you're eating filet mignon and the next day you're eating rice. But rice tastes pretty good with a little salt. Forget the standing in the community: one day people think you walk on water, and the next day they hope you drown. But you sink or swim by yourself, so everybody else's opinion doesn't really count. Forget the beautiful women and the tropical vacations and the Perrier-Jouët: work is good; cool, clear water is great; and the love of your children is enough.





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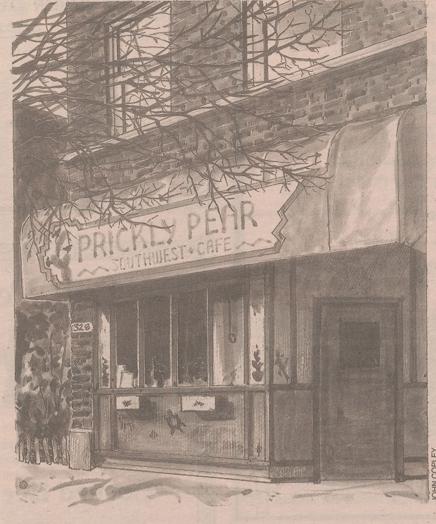
he day after Prickly Pear opened in October 1991, owner Gary Pearce made a panic call to his sister Lisa, asking whether she could help out. Ten years later, Lisa Pearce is still working as the restaurant's pastry chef. Gary and his wife and partner, Mary Miller, also still have three of their original servers, not to mention chef Al Hamami. (Hamami and Pearce actually go even farther back, having worked together for six years before Prickly Pear opened.)

This impressive continuity has gained the place a regular following, reflected in the small line outside on weekend nights. We got on the waiting list and strolled Main Street with the beeper provided by the restaurant. Despite a dining area scarcely larger than a mess hall on a submarine, the wait was relatively short. The place feels a bit worn but is still inviting, especially the cradlelike cherry-wood booths. Seating in the center row of tables is less appealing and can be noisy on busy evenings. In summer a tree-shaded patio out back doubles capacity.

Your first tastes will be complimentary chips and a zesty, thick tomato salsa. Throw in a tangy margarita (\$5.95-\$6.95) and try one of the appetizers, like the blue corn sweet potato cakes (half \$4.95, whole \$7.95). Baked sweet potatoes are seasoned with traces of salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg, formed into patties, dipped in blue cornmeal and masa harina (tortilla flour), and fried. Add small dollops of the accompanying guacamole and sour cream for more pizzazz. Another "blue corn" appetizerthough with no visible signs of anything bluish—is the savory crab cake (\$9.95), rolled in cornmeal and topped with pumpkin seeds toasted, pureed, and folded into a mild cheese sauce. The chili chutney and texture-rich jicama slaw with honey vinaigrette served alongside give this dish an exotic frame. The grilled chicken pizza (\$9.95) is a crowd pleaser with its Chihuahua and cheddar cheeses, chutney peppers, chicken, tomatoes, and gentle basil

For sheer comfort, nothing beats the four-mushroom bisque (\$4.95). Topped with a cheese crust, it's so deliciously thick with portobello, shiitake, button, and porcini mushrooms that I briefly entertained the idea of licking the bowl.

rickly Pear's servings are generous, and all main dishes come with southwestern tomato rice and baked pinto and black beans with salsa picante. Small eaters who'll be ordering soup or an appetizer may want to consider sharing an entree. One of the best choices is the sautéed



chicken sope (\$14.95). A boneless chicken breast is perched on a thick panfried masa tortilla and topped with a rich pumpkin seed-mushroom cream sauce that's decadent enough to be bottled and sold.

Scallop and shrimp quesadillas (\$15.95), bundles of seafood with cheese and sour cream, are wrapped in flour tortillas, grilled, and served with guacamole and dried-cherry black-bean salsa. They were popular at our table, but I prefer simpler quesadillas. I had no such problem with the tricolor fettuccine (\$11.95) either in cilantro pesto or in a toasted pumpkin seed and cheese sauce. (For an additional \$2 you can add blackened salmon, grilled chicken, or rock shrimp.) The bright colors of the pasta and the blending flavors of the accompanying spinach, basil, and spicy red peppers made this a very satisfying choice.

For as long as I have known him, my husband has been on a quest for the perfect chiles rellenos. His quest continues. His chicken poblano rellenos (\$13.95), dusted with cornmeal and panfried, were undercooked and crunchy.

The desserts I tried (all \$4.95) made me grateful that Lisa took her brother's phone call ten years ago. Her intense chocolate mousse cake and perfectly prepared Key lime pie made me wish she were my sister.

unday brunch at Prickly Pear is effortless. There was no line at the door, and our waiter whisked us to a booth and served our coffee and fresh-squeezed orange juice before we even glanced at the menu. The huevos rancheros (\$7.95) were as authentic as the ones my cousin taught me to make over her gas stove in Mexico City. Satisfying, basic, and simple—these are just the way they are supposed to be, except for the gringo intrusion of a mound of peppered potatoes on the side. Even the refried beans, a combination of white, pinto, and black beans, made me nostalgic. The chorizo omelet (\$7.95), with subtle hints of cinnamon and cloves in the lean sausage, is a nice change from the norm.

On two occasions our servers were attentive and professional. Even the woman who bused tables appeared magically at the right moment. Another meal and another waiter, we waited so long for a menu I half expected our server to show up in a body cast. His subsequent fits of eye rolling and high attitude made me suspect he was not part of Prickly Pear's original

Some modern-day tequila tasters still drink from a bull's horn, as in colonial times. I would suggest topping your evening off with a snifter of Sauza Tres Generaciones (\$7.95). This Cognac-like tequila, velvety and throaty with a butterscotch finish, is a nice way to sit back in your cozy setting and reflect on where you were ten years ago.

-Elizabeth Méricas

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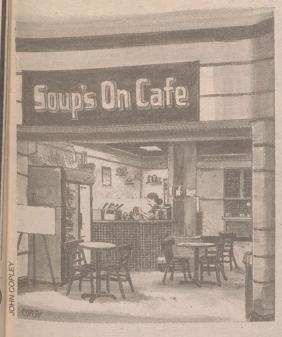
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Soup's On Cafe

More soup for you!

he Soup's On Cafe inevitably provokes comparisons with the place run by the "Soup Nazi" on Seinfeld. You stand in line to choose your soup from the amazing array simmering in the display case. Then you step to the left, pay for your soup, and receive your foam bowl and a miniloaf of crusty bread.

Luckily, the comparison halts there. Unlike television's Soup Nazi, employees at Soup's On in Briarwood mall serve without sneering and are more than willing to answer questions about the soup. They'll even give you a little taste of any flavor you like. With twelve soups to choose from every day, the Soup Nazi's "No soup for you!" would be ridiculous here.

Prices vary, but most soups are about \$4 for a twelve-ounce cup and \$5 to \$6 for a sixteen-ounce bowl. An exception is the lobster bisque—\$5.29 for just eight ounces. Many people reach the front of the line still murmuring "Um . . . um. . . ." as they look over the steaming vats.

Nobody could go wrong with a bowl of chicken and wild rice. A creamy soup, it's full of diced chicken, carrots, green peppers, celery, and wild rice, and spiced with sage and thyme like a Thanksgiving turkey. If you're looking for a bowl of classic comfort food, this is it. If your comfort is of a bolder bent, however, try the chicken chili—a bright red ragout of kidney beans and chicken chunks, spiced with plenty of cumin and chili powder. The split pea soup is more pure homey goodness, with smoky ham, carrots, and parsley to round out the smooth pea flavor. Although I enjoyed these soups, all three were a bit salty.

One of the more interesting varieties is the Asian noodle with portobello. Thin noodles, carrots, baby corn, and red peppers swim in a chicken broth with chunks of chicken and tiny dices of portobello mushroom. The broth is seasoned with soy sauce and five-spice powder, thickened with cornstarch.

The creamy spinach soup reminded me of that awful creamed spinach served in primary schools and other institutions. I love spinach, but even I found the pronounced spinach flavor overpowering, and the cream base was too thick. The potato au gratin was even thicker-the chunky diced potatoes swam in a cheese sauce so substantial that I could barely stir it. The chicken corn chowder, on the other hand, suffered from the opposite problem. It was mostly thin, oversalted broth, with not a lot of corn or chicken to bulk it up. I finished this bowl quite unsatisfied.

In my many visits to Soup's On Cafe, I learned that timing is everything. Cream soups that sit

too long get thick and gummy, while noodle soups disintegrate. Eating there in the evening, when soups have been sitting for hours, almost guarantees disappointment. The best time to visit, I found, is shortly after 11 a.m., when the soup—and the service—are spot on.

My other complaint—a minor one—concerns the cautious menu. If the place is going to do twelve soups a day, I'd like to see it make room for one real exotic, like a hot-and-sour or an African peanut. But that's a small flaw in an otherwise fine place. To judge from the crowd at lunchtime, plenty of people besides me are glad that the soup's on.

-Margaret Yang

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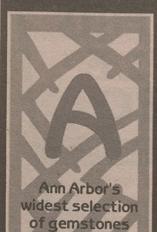
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From Hawaii to Washtenaw Avenue

How Long John Silver's became Tuptim

ris Vilassakdanond says that when people find out he and his wife, Prayoon, moved here from Hawaii, the first thing even the most loyal Ann Arborites ask is, "Why?"

Kris's answer is a three-parter. First, he says, he and Prayoon wanted to move to the mainland in order to be closer to their son, who's finishing up his senior year at the University of Colorado at Boulder. They'd also promised friends in Ann Arbor, who'd long wanted to open a Thai restaurant, that if the right location turned up, the Vilassakdanonds-who owned a Thai eatery in Hawaii-would come and help run it. Last year, those friends-who prefer to be identified only as silent partners-hit upon the old Long John Silver's on Washtenaw. True to their word, Kris and Prayoon moved to Ann Arbor.

And the third reason? "I had lived in the United States for more than twenty years," Kris says, "and I had never seen snow."

Tuptim Thai Cuisine opened December 26 in what still looks like a Long John Silver's-at least on the outside. The facade is pseudoweathered gray and marine blue, and there's a still a gangplank-style walkway leading from the parking lot to the front door. Kris says he's anxious to redo the exterior when time and his finances allow, because he gets at least a few customers every week who are looking for fish, hush puppies, and chicken "planks." Until then, he's concentrated on the interior, where he's transformed the former fast-food spot into a serene dining room with vibrant, deep red walls, lush

potted plants, Asian artwork, and trim maple-tone tables and chairs. The tantalizing aroma of Thai spices and stir-fried meat permeates the restaurant, a presence so palpable that it's almost an element of decor in and of itself.

Tuptim offers an easily navigable menu of traditional Thai specialties, including soup spiked with lemongrass and ginger, basil-and-garlic-scented sauces, papaya salad, and red, green, and yellow curries alternately lightened with lime, studded with cashews, and enriched with coconut milk. Kris says his most popular dishes are pad thai (noodles with egg, peanuts, and bean sprouts), panfried Thai shrimp seasoned with garlic and black pepper, and his own version of fried rice-a savory combination of peas, onion, raisins, eggs, garlic, and Madras curry. There are seven vegetarian entrees, including an appealingsounding combination of peanuts, tofu, veggies, curry, and sweet basil. Everything is served on colorful china reminiscent of

The Vilassakdanonds hail originally from Chiang Mai, a resort community in northern Thailand. They moved to the United States in 1978, telling themselves that they'd give this country eight or ten years, and then, if things weren't going well, they'd return to Thailand. "So far," says Kris with a smile, "it looks like things have been working out.'

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A & L Parts hits the end of the road

The abrupt demise of a time-honored firm

longtime employee of auto and truck part business A & L Parts wrote to say that when he showed up for work one day in mid-November, he found the gates and doors locked. He "was handed an envelope that stated my employment was terminated," he reported. "All the employees that were terminated that day lost all their accumulated sick time, vacation time, and all benefits, including our retire-

Anthony Lewandowski, president of A & L's sister company, parts warehouser Allied, Inc., says that he's sorry to hear about the former employee's bitterness, but that there was no easy way to close up shop. Management was worried that if it disclosed plans to shut down too soon, some disgruntled employees might decide to help themselves to the business's extensive inventory. "There wouldn't be much we could do to stop it," he says. "In the end, we made a decision that when they came to work Monday morning, we'd greet them at the door" with the bad news and a termination packet.

Included in the packet were a projection for when each employee would receive a final paycheck (by now all checks have gone out), along with a guide to job interviewing, a letter of recommendation, and an offer of outplacement assistance through Kelly Services. "We also sent out letters to over forty employers in the Ann Arbor area," Lewandowski says. "We have twenty-one employees who were affected, and I'm pleased to say that right now, out of the twenty-one, half are working, and there were three or four more who'd told us they were waiting until after the holidays to look for work. We made a lot of effort to transition everybody."

The employees also retain their interests in the company's 401(k) plan and employee stock ownership program. The latter, of course, is shares in a closed business. But under federal rules the company has to pay the employees for their stock over five years, at whatever it's worth when the payment is due. "Right now it isn't worth much," Lewandowski admits. "But as we sell our remaining assets, that stock will have some value in the future." He points out that he's a large stockholder in the company himself, and that in order to continue Allied's equipment business, he had to personally guarantee A & L's debts and put up his own personal proper-



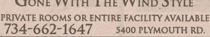
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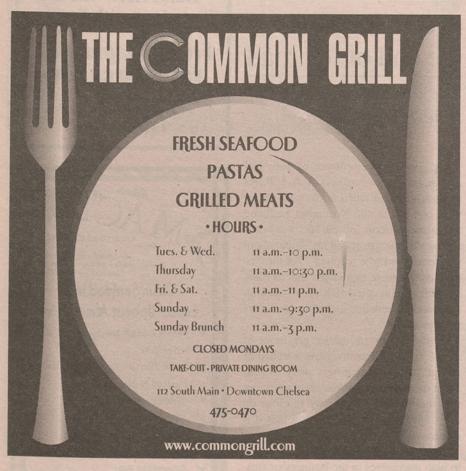


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ty as collateral. So, he says, it's to his own advantage to turn this thing around.

A & L was founded in 1918 as a battery service by Theophil "Ted". Aprill and Al Larmee in a garage on First Street, where the Japanese restaurant Miki is now. In 1928 the partners opened a second location, at Main and Madison, and expanded the business to include auto parts. In the 1950s Ted Aprill Jr. and a new partner, Bob Lercamp, grew the business to 225 employees and added stores in Adrian and Howell. Lercamp retired in the early 1970s, and in 1995 Aprill sold the bulk of the business to his then assistant, Lewandowski, holding back 30 percent of the stock for the employee ownership program.

A & L's demise comes just three years after it moved shop from downtown Ann Arbor to Allied's parts warehouse off Jackson Road. Sharing space saved costs, but not enough to offset the expense of carrying an exhaustive inventory that included paint, body supplies, and heavyduty truck parts-everything, basically, but the sheet metal used to form a vehicle's body. A & L, says Lewandowski, simply couldn't compete with smaller parts specialists who didn't have as much overhead, or with national chains like Auto Zone. After two straight years of losses, Allied put its three A & L stores on the market.

The Adrian store was sold to national chain NAPA, and the store in Howell to Lansing-based ACI Warehouse. The Ann Arbor store, however, had no takers; early this year Lewandowski was overseeing what he called an "orderly liquidation" in order to pay off the bank and other creditors. "It's a very painful decision to have to do this," he says. "We had a lot of longterm employees that I felt were friends. But we couldn't continue to operate and

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Expo Kitchen & Bath moves and grows

n a business where customers tend to buy the things they've seen on display, a 900-square-foot store is something of a handicap. That's why in December, after ten years at the same tiny Westgate location, Expo Kitchen & Bath moved three

doors north to a space three times the original's size. "We needed more space for our sanity," says Dallas Adair, a staff dewhose signer mom, Becky Gregory, owns the store. "Our office used to be so cramped, it was a joke!"

The expanded

Expo not only has a spacious office, it also her c has room for hundreds of material samples, busin an entire wall of knobs and handles, and up after to thirty displays of custom cabinetry. The City, displays feature everything from entertainment centers and workstations to full try," kitchens with all the bells and whistlesanything, says Adair, that she and fellow cord designers Becky Gregory and Nancy Racine can draw and that their cabinet suppliers can make. Despite the showroom emphasis on cabinetry, Expo positions itself as a design shop. "There are tons of places in town where you can get cabinets," Adair says. "They're just something we sell. Design is what we're known for

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Adair got her start in the business in 1991 at age sixteen, when her mom, a former designer for KSI, opened Expo. After graduating with a degree in marketing from Eastern, Adair worked three weeks in her new profession, hated it, and came back to the store to work as a designer. "None of the designers here are degreed, or 'kitchen certified,' which I know sounds horrible, but you either know how to draw and design or you don't," she says. "And I just happen to know."

Although Adair and her fellow designers do some traditional kitchens, most of their work leans toward the contemporary-"White is still very big. People worry that it's going out of style, but it never does," she says. "We do a lot of maple and cherry and painted cabinets."

In addition to the designers, Adair's husband, builder Michael Lee, helps out in the business. "He does whatever we tell him to do," she jokes.

Expo Kitchen & Bath, 2459 West Stadium in Westgate Shopping Center, 741-5888. Mon., Wed., & Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Closed Sat & Sun

Briefly Noted

When Elle Silver Fox owner Michele Barrett-Clark decided to sell her State Street jewelry store and move to Chicago, she planned to do so with little fanfare. But a day after she confided her plans to a customer, someone else walked in and asked her when she was moving to California. "Each place begins with the letter C, this is true, but my goodness, what a difference a day makes!" she says. "I figured by the time I did actually move, rumor would have me moved to China-no doubt to sell tea!"



Instead, Barrett-Clark sent a letter to it also her customers, thanking them for their business and explaining that eleven years after moving to Ann Arbor from New York y. The City, she realized she'd never really connected with the town. "Not that I didn't o full try," she says. "It's just that it's difficult to live in a small town when your umbilical cord is still attached to a big city.'

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Barrett-Clark is following her umbilical cord to Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, where she's opening a bigger, more upscale store and selling imported accessories as well as jewelry. "I won't miss Ann Arbor," she says, "but I shall miss my customers."

Elle Silver Fox has been sold to jewelry designer Nabil "Bill" Hijazi and his wife, Detria, who have owned Spectrum Jewelers and Jewelry Supplies in Ypsilanti for the past seventeen years. Bill had been supplying some of his pieces to Barrett-Clark for the past decade. "Last year she approached me, said she was ready to move on, and asked if I was interested," he says.

The Hijazis plan to add more sterling silvery jewelry to the store's inventory, as well as gold, diamonds, and other precious and semiprecious stones. Bill will also sell watch batteries and do on-site jewelry repair and ear piercing. "These kinds of daily services are essential for the area," he says.

Elle Silver Fox, 211 South State, 741-0555. Mon.-Sat. 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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In her native Korea, Youn Song was an artist who specialized in pottery and batik. These days, her medium of choice is food. In December, Song opened BeWon Korean Cuisine in the old Burro location on the north side of town, fulfilling a lifelong wish to own a restaurant. "I like to cook," she says, "and I like to introduce authentic Korean food to Americans."

Song has recast the former Tex-Mex take-out joint as a low-key Asian restaurant, with cream-colored walls, azure tablecloths, and delicate potted topiary plants decorating the front window. Ricepaper screens separate the kitchen from the dining room.

Because Song is a big fan of noodle dishes, she's put half a dozen of them on her menu, including both chicken and clam soups with homemade noodles, mung bean noodle soup with beef and shiitake mushrooms, and rice noodles in a spicy broth. She also offers Korean favorites like bul ko gi (marinated charbroiled beef) and bibim bob (rice topped with vegetables, beef, and a fried egg), as well as wonderful-sounding entrees like tofu and oyster stew, charbroiled beef ribs, and a sliced pork stew featuring kimchi, a lethally spicy Korean cabbage dish.

BeWon Korean Cuisine, 3574 Plymouth Road, 332-1004. Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. noon-9 p.m. Closed Sun.

The neighborhoods surrounding the intersection of Packard and Platt, once a separate town called East Ann Arbor, have become something of a melting pot in microcosm, with a growing number of immigrants calling the area home. It's not hard to see why: the housing prices are kind to those who may have already spent a great deal of money to relocate to the United States, and the area has a communal, small-town feel left over from its days as an incorporated community of its own.

The neighborhood's interesting cultural mix is reflected in its businesses. The shopping strips along Packard near Platt boast a Thai grocery, a Chinese restaurant, an Indian market, a Japanese karaoke club, and five businesses with Middle Eastern owners: Buster's Market and its sister store, Buster's Express, both owned by Fadil Issa; Taha Abukaff's Middle Eastern Pastries; Aladdin's Market; and the most recent newcomer, Sunshine Produce, which Abdul Awad opened in January. Sunshine replaces 99 Cents Plus African Variety, a combination import shop and dollar store whose limited inventory no doubt contributed to its early demise.

In order not to compete with nearby Aladdin's, which sells Middle Eastern packaged goods, Sunshine concentrates on fruits and vegetables. The store caters to both Middle Eastern and American customers, as is evidenced by signs in both Arabic and charmingly fractured English. "Brokly" and "cabege" are relatively easy to figure out, but most English speakers will probably have to glance at the vegetable in question to know that "spragos"

Sunshine Produce, 3184 Packard, 477-9006. Daily 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

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Dollar Chain, in Carpenter Plaza, is the third dollar store to open in Ann Arbor in the past year. Owned by brothers Chris and Sid Hajar, the store is quite a bit bigger than its competitors, with over half a dozen long, wide aisles packed with toys, party supplies, scented candles, picture frames, gift wrap, greeting cards, and those staples of dollar stores everywhere, off-brand food and cleaning products with labels whose similarity to their big-brand competitors' might fool a distracted shopper-were it not for the resoundingly unfamiliar names. Purity toaster pastries, anyone? Or how about Penn & Liberty saltines?

Like most of its brethren, Dollar Chain changes its inventory frequently. In January, good deals included oversize buckets of sidewalk chalk, lightbulbs, and a wide selection of plastic storage containersmost, alas, without lids. Judging by the sheer volume left behind, most customers were taking a pass on "2001 Millennium" scented candles shaped like champagne

Dollar Chain, 3140 Carpenter Road, 973-9299. Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Pretzel Time opened in early January next to California Pizza Kitchen at Briarwood. One of over 150 franchises owned by Pretzel Time, Inc., based in Salt Lake City, the Briarwood shop sells plain low-











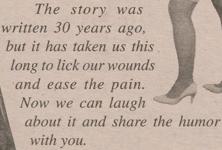


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fat pretzels as well as salted and buttered "traditional" pretzels and pretzels seasoned with garlic and parmesan, cinnamon sugar, or cream cheese. Customers seeking more variety can order dipping sauces on the side, including cheddar cheese, caramel, and mustard.

Pretzel Time, Briarwood, 332-4829. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-6

Closings

Marie Minnich is closing Liberty Street Trading Company in favor of selling her Indonesian imports, antiques, and window coverings on-line at www. libertystreettrading.com. Minnich says she had all the right ingredients for successgreat location, eye-catching storefront, high-quality inventory, enthusiastic customers—but a string of extraordinarily bad luck, coupled with the country's recent economic tailspin, crippled the business.

"I had a brutal year," she says. "First I was embezzled from by a bookkeeperbig time, almost seventy thousand dollars. Then the person who was supposed to man and staff the store had a family crisis in Texas and had to leave. And then September eleventh happened, and that was like the death knell. I was standing on shaky ground, anyway.'

At the end of last year Minnich was negotiating with Hagopian Carpets to sublet a portion of the space. When that deal fell through, she realized that with just her running the store, she was neglecting both her retail customers and clients for Sylvia's Attic, her interior design business. "We came really close to making it," she says wistfully, "about as close as you can come without the cavalry rushing in."

In addition to selling merchandise through her website, Minnich will continue to offer interior design services at the same phone number she's had for the last four years, now with a toll-free area code: (866) 214-9088.

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The corporately owned Domino's Pizza store on Packard east of Platt closed in December, and the customers in its delivery area are being referred to the company's Golfside and Woodland Plaza locations. Company spokesperson Holly Ryan says that Domino's is closing some of its older stores and concentrating on highergrowth areas like the south side of town.

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The Buckle in Briarwood—which sold a full line of men's and women's casual clothing, not just the accessories its name suggests-reached the end of its lease at the end of January and chose not to renew. The company, based in Kearney, Nebraska, still operates almost 300 other Buckle locations in thirty-seven states.

Follow-Up

Ten years ago this month, the Change column featured eight new businesse Half have survived: Beijing Restauran in Oak Valley Centre, MacGregor's Out doors on North Main, women's clothic Alexandra's in Kerrytown, and use record store Encore Recordings, on State The Connoisseur restaurant at Domino's Farms, Gratzi Coffee House at Brian wood, Huron Towers' Garden Cafe & Market, and upscale children's boutique Bellini, which used to be at Woodland Plaza, are gone.

March 1992 survival rate: 50 percent

Five years ago this month, this column highlighted ten new stores and restaurants Four of them are still open: Makkara of Washtenaw, which whimsically combine a sushi counter with a doughnut shop New York Pizza Depot on East William Buddhist retailer Jewel Heart, which ha since outgrown its original location of South Ashley and moved to Washingtof Street; and Hand-Painted by Amy, Am) Millspaugh's Kerrytown crafts boutique which started out in a tiny space under the stairs in the Luick Building and moved to a bigger second-floor spot.

Deb's Eatery is long gone; it was only of a string of short-lived restaurants in the former Howard Johnson's on Carpente Road. Pierre's Accessories, in the old, en closed version of Arborland, didn't evel make it to the mall's eventual demolition The other casualties are Get Fleeced which was in the onetime Elmo's Super shirts on State Street; Jackson Road and tiques shop Me and the Missus; Simply Cigars, at Briarwood; and Indian eater Manali Cafe, at the corner of Washington

March 1997 survival rate: 40 percent

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One year ago this month, Marketplace Changes featured nine new businesses, 8 around to mark their first anniversaries The celebrants are Peretti's Pizza of South Ashley; Southside Cafe, which re placed an Espresso Royale location of Packard near State; Diag Communica tions on Maple near Liberty; kitchen and bath showroom Dreams by Design on Aprill off Jackson Road; Braun Courl Ethiopian restaurant Mesob; Studio 4 which replaced Papa Chulo's (which fe placed Arriba, which replaced Maude's on Fourth Avenue; and Forever 21, Wir ards of the Coast, and Brookstone, all a Briarwood.

March 2001 survival rate: 100 per

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ZingTrain Steams Ahead with Spectacular Seminars

The Times has confirmed reports that Zingerman's ZingTrain is pulling out all the stops in March with three seminars. First up, learn all about Zingerman's real-world approach to training on March 4th with "Bottom-Line Training," then stick around and find out how Zingerman's treats its guests like royalty on March 5th with the "Art of Giving Great Service" seminar. Then, come back on March 25-26 for the "Managing with Zing" seminar, and learn all their innovative techniques. Call ZingTrain at (734) 930-1919 for more details.

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Manchester, MI-It's not every day that a town takes on a new cheese and makes it its own. So it's a particularly big event that the new Sharon Hollow rounds from Zingerman's Creamery are now available in Ann Arbor. It's a venerable tradition; big footsteps to follow in. Local cheeses like Parmigiano-Reggiano in Emilia-Romagna, Camembert in Normandy, Roquefort in the Rouergue, and Manchego in central Spain have set high standards for quality and continuity. All of these cheeses have hundreds of years of tradition tied to the soil and the society from where they emerged centuries ago.

This is Zingerman's contribution (along with the Creamery's incredible cream cheese) to the world of artisan American cheese," said the Deli's resident cheese guru, Carlos Souffront. "It's a cheese you can recommend with the same pride and excitement with which you'd talk about anything of import from France, Italy or Spain."

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Available for \$6.99/ea. at the Bakehouse Bakeshop and at the Deli. Stop on by for a taste today.

palate pleasing passover discovered! Catering

Ann Arbor, MI-As the Passover holiday looms large on many people's planning calendars, a prominent push of traditional Jewish foods is purportedly on its way from the kitchen at Zingerman's Deli. Times reporters, posing as Passover focused professors doing research, have secured a previously top secret memo from the Deli's "kitchen cabinet" revealing that all of the following Jewish foods will be noteably displayed later this month: homemade gefilte fish, potato kugel, charoset, chicken soup, chopped liver and more. One insider reveals that new this year will be roast brisket from Niman Ranch (meat supplier extraordinaire to Chez Pannisse and other West Coast restaurants). To top off the meal, Zingerman's Bakehouse has made dark chocolate orange-almond torte and chocolate or vanilla

macaroons for dessert. Enjoy!

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15th! According to one inside source close to the powers that be, this is quite

a coup, considering the fact that cofounders Ari Weinzweig and Paul Saginaw were thought crazy for starting a business in such a difficult place to find. "Thanks to all the customer loyalty and great word of mouth, Zingerman's is able to say 'Happy Twentieth Birthday," says Weinzweig. Stop by the Deli on the 15th for birthday festivities, and keep a lookout for other fun events throughout the year with popular purveyors to mark the milestone!



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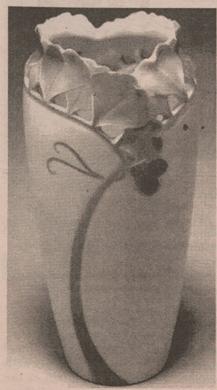
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All appropriate materials received by Sunday, March 10, will be used as space permits; materials submitted later might not get in.

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*Archbishop Charles Chaput: Ave Maria Foundaria dation. Talk by Denver's conservative Catholic archbishop. Breakfast available (\$3). 8 a.m., Domino's Farms location TBA. Free. 930–3646.

"Challenged to Reconcile": World Day of Prayer (Church Women United). March 1 & 2. Women of Church Women United). March 1 & 2. Women of all faiths are invited to this annual interdenominational service, written this year by a congregation of Romanian women. Preceded by fellowship and refreshments. 9:30 a.m., Church of the Good Shepherd, 2145 Independence Blvd. (Mar.1), Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave. (Mar. 2). Freewill offering. Child care available. 665–8773.

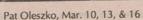
"Tot Shabbat": Jewish Community Center. Every Friday. All kids, from newborns through preschoolers, invited for a program of singing, dancing, and other activities led by Adam Kander. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971-0990.

*Chime Concert: Kerrytown Shops. Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday. All invited to pick one of 40 songs, with melodies written in numbers, and play it on the 17-bell bell tower's numbered keys. Local chimemasters Norm Roller (Mondays) and Heather O'Neal (Wednesdays and Fridays) demonstrate. Noon, Kerrytown. Free. 662–5008.

24th Annual Lenten Fish Fry: Old St. Patrick's Church. Every Friday, February 15–March 22. Fried Alaskan pollack, choice of potato, salad bar, and beverage. Desserts available for a nominal additional charge. und beverage. Desserts available for a nominal additional charge. Beer and wine available for donation. Be prepared to stand in line, but the food is worth the wait. 4:30–8 p.m., Old St. Pat's Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd. at Northfield Church Rd. (3 miles north of Ann Arbor). \$6.50 (seniors, \$6; chilmiles north of Ann Arbor). \$6.50 (seniors, \$6; children 5-11, \$5; children 4 & under, free). 662-8141.

*Open Card and Board Gaming Night: The Underworld. Every Friday. All invited to play any of the collectible card or board games that the Underworld carries by the collection of the collectible card or board games that the Underworld carries by the collection of th world carries—but you must find your own opponents. Also, there are 3 Magic: the Gathering tournaments this month of the carries of Odussey sealed naments this month: one using an Odyssey sealed deck (\$15 includes cards) on March 1, one using a type 2 constructed deck (\$5; bring your own cards) on March 15 on March 15, and one using a type 1 constructed deck (\$5; bring your own cards) on March 29. 6 p.m.-midnight, Underworld, 1214 South University. Free. 998-0547.







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★Ila Wallen: Arborland Borders. This children's book author reads from The Moon in My Room, her tale about a cub whose friends help him tame his fear of the dark. Also, signing. 6 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6948.

Dances of Universal Peace (Sufi Dancing). All invited to join hands in a circle with other dancers and sing sacred phrases from various cultures and traditions. Beginners welcome; all dances taught. 7-9 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill. \$5 requested donation. 996–1332.

★Carol Lynn Abramson: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore. *March 1 & 2*. This Saline artist is on hand to show and talk about her spiritual paintings, which she calls "soul expressions of the awakening spiritual self." She also shows some of her aura, spirit guide, and angel pastel drawings, and visitors can make an appointment for drawings of their own aura. 7–10 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 480–9182.

"Friday Night Live": Ann Arbor Parks Depart-ment Youth Outreach Program. Supervised dance party for middle (7–10 p.m.) and high school (10 p.m.–1 a.m.) students. DJs play a variety of current R&B, rock, rap, and pop. 7 p.m.–1 a.m., Burns Park Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. \$5, 997–1615.

*Annie Capps: Liberty Borders. Jazz-tinged folkrock by this local singer-songwriter and her husband, guitarist Rod Capps. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.

★Karen Kay: Arborland Borders. Folk-style originals by this Traverse City singer-songwriter. 7 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6948.

20th Anniversary Birthday Bash: Performance Network. This indispensable local theater celebrates its 20th anniversary with a strolling buffet (with beer and wine), live jazz and other entertainment, and a silent auction of a variety of donated goods and services, plus various surprises. Also, a ceremony honoring Johanna Broughton, the Network's director since 1987, and other Network supporters. Emcee is local attorney (and occasional Network playwright) Jerry Lax. Backstage tours. 7–10 p.m., Courthouse Square Ballroom, 120 E. Huron. \$50 in advance and (if available) at the door. 663-0681.

*First Friday Shabbas: Jewish Cultural Society. A family-oriented program of candle lighting, song, and other Jewish cultural rituals. Followed by dessert and discussion. All invited. 7:30 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 975-9872

Ben Folds and a Piano: Clear Channel Entertainment. Rough-and-ready, musically inventive piano-based rock 'n' roll by this singer-songwriter, the for-mer leader of the Ben Folds Five. Folds earned praise for the way he "drops Gershwin licks into his solos and weaves Fats Waller and baroque into a repertoire that merges the smarty-pants pop of Squeeze with the punctilious prog-R&B of Queen." 7:30 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$23.50 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.

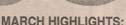
*First Friday: Webster United Church of Christ. Representatives from the Islamic Center of Ann Arbor lead a discussion of "Islam: Distinguishing Myths from Reality." Also, musical entertainment TBA. Refreshments. 8 p.m., Webster Church, corner of Farrell & Webster Church roads, Webster Twp. (Take US-23 north to North Territorial Rd., go west 3 miles to Webster Church Rd., then 1 mile south to Farrell.) Free. 426–5115.

First Friday Square and Contra Dance. Local caller John Freeman calls dances to live music by Licketysplit. All dances taught; beginners and older kids welcome. No partner necessary. 8-11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of 1-94). \$7 (students, \$5) at the door. 665-8405.

*Lenten Vespers: First Presbyterian Church.

Every Friday, February 15-March 22. Organ
recitals, followed at 9 p.m. by performances, by varirechais, followed at 9 p.m. by performances, by various local choruses, of choral anthems and motets, interspersed with Lenten Scripture readings. Tonight's performers: organist Michael Brittenback and the Ypsilanti High School Chamber Singers. 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662-4466.

Alice Peacock: Green Wood Coffee House Series (First United Methodist Church). Chicago-based singer-songwriter whose engaging, unpretentiously literate songs artfully mix folk, country, and rock in-fluences to explore an assortment of themes from the pedestrian pleasures of ordinary life to the treacher-ous quagmire of anxieties and rivalries that infect





March 1-2

Sat., March 9

Caroline Helton & Timothy Cheek 3/7



Diana Gannett 3/9



Sören Hermansson 3/9



Grace Bumbry 3/25

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AMERICAN COLLEGE DANCE FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION'S GREAT LAKES REGIONAL FESTIVAL For more information, contact the Festival Office at (734) 763-2548 or at acdfa2002@umich.edu. Fri.-Sat., Mar. 1-2: Adjudication Concerts • 9:45 AM, 12:30 PM • Media Union Fri., Mar. 1: ACDFA Dance and Technology Forum Concert • Power Center • 8:30 PM • Call for ticket prices. Sat., Mar. 2: ACDFA Gala Concert • Power Center • 8:00 PM • Call for ticket prices.

FACULTY RECITAL: Caroline Helton, Soprano, and Timothy Cheek, Piano • Britton Recital Hall "Hail Britannia! A. Celebration of British-American Friendship." Works by Walton, Britten, Ward, and Argento. Thu., March 7

SYMPHONY BAND AND CONCERT BAND • Hill Auditorium

Michael Haithcock and Steven D. Davis, conductors • Program will include works by Alwyn, Strauss, Fri., March 8 Schuman, Dello Joio, Grainger, Saint-Saens, and the world premiere of Lindroth's "Spin Cycle." Fri., Mar. 8, 4:00 PM

ANN ARBOR DANCE ON CAMERA FESTIVAL • Natural Sciences Auditorium (830 N. University) Two screenings of screen dance works, the form that combines film/video editing and dance. Fri.-Sat., Mar. 8-9 8:00 PM

Sat., March 9 2:30 PM GUEST MASTER CLASS: Erica Goodman, Harp • Stearns Building • Ms. Goodman is a freelance harpist

CURRY LECTURE: Chris Waterman, Lecturer • Parker Room, Michigan League

FACULTY RECITAL: Diana Gannett, Double Bass • Britton Recital Hall 3:00 PM With Lynne Aspnes, harp. Works by Scolnic, Stravinsky, Bach, Vaughan Williams, and Saint-Saens.

Sat., Mar. 9, 8:00 PM FACULTY RECITAL: Sören Hermansson, Horn • Britton Recital Hall • Featuring Erica Goodman, harp. PIANO STUDIO RECITAL • McIntosh Theatre • Students of Phillip Bush. Sat., Mar. 9, 8:00 PM

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HORN DAY • Britton Recital Hall 12:00-5:00 PM High school horn players are invited to perform and listen to current UM School of Music horn players.

Sun., Mar. 10, 8:00 PM MICHIGAN YOUTH JAZZ IMPROVISATION ENSEMBLE • Rehearsal Hall • Mark Kirschenmann, dire MICHIGAN YOUTH ENSEMBLES • Hill Auditorium • Students from around the state gather to form the Michigan Youth Women's Choral, Michigan Youth Chamber Singers, Michigan Youth Band, and Michigan Youth Orchestra. Mon., March 11

Mon., March 11 4:40 PM GUEST MASTER CLASS: Leone Buyse, Flute • Stearns Building
Ms. Buyse is Professor of Flute at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University.

GUEST RECITAL AND MASTER CLASS: Ken Thompkins, Trombone • Britton Recital Hall Mon., March 11 Mr. Thompkins is Principal Trombonist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Mon., Mar. 11, 8:00 PM STUDENT COMPOSITION FORUM • Britton Recital Hall • Compositions by UM student composers.

GUEST PRESENTATION AND MASTER CLASS: Drew Minter, "Rhetoric and Gesture in The Singing of Early Music" • Blanche Anderson Moore • Mr. Minter is music professor at Vassar and Smith Colleges and is directing works by Hildegard, Weill, Mozart, and Pergolesi. 2:30-5:30 PM

Tue., Mar. 12, 8:00 PM EUPHONIUM AND TUBA STUDIO RECITAL • Britton Recital Hall • Students of Fritz Kaenzig. Wed., Mar. 13, 8:00 PM GUEST RECITAL: Joshua Cullen, Plano and Andrew Le, Plano • Britton Recital Hall

Thu., Mar. 14, 8:00 PM TROMBONE STUDIO RECITAL • Britton Recital Hall • Students of David Jackson.

Sat.-Sun., Mar. 16-17 Sat., 8:00 PM DEPARTMENT OF DANCE: "Women Who Rule" • UM Museum of Art Apse • Choreography by Fogel, Delanghe, Setrakian, and Sears-Etter. Funded in part by ArtServe Michigan and the Michigan Sun., 5:00 PM. Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS • Britton Recital Hall • Brahms' Quartet in A for Piano and Strings with

Sun., March 17 4:00 PM Katherine Collier, Andrew Jennings, Yizhak Schotten, and Natalia Khoma; and Bolcom's Piano Quintet with Jonathan Shames, Paul Kantor, Stephen Shipps, and Yizhak Schotten.

Mon., Mar. 18, 8:00 PM ARTS CHORALE • Hill Auditorium • Alissa Mercurio, conductor

Wed., Mar. 20, 8:00 PM STUDENT HARPSICHORD RECITAL • Blanche Anderson Moore Hall • Students of Edward Parmentier. Thu., March 21 CAMPUS PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA • McIntosh Theatre

Rachel Lauber, conductor. Program will include works by Prokofiev, Grieg, Lully, and Brahms. Thu.-Sat., Mar. 21-23 DANCE DEPARTMENT: MFA Dance Concert Performances • Betty Pease Studio Theatre 8:00 PM

Tickets are required and are \$5 at the door Thu.-Sun., Mar. 21-24 Thu.-Sat. 8:00 PM OPERA THEATRE DEPARTMENT: LA CENERENTOLA by Rossini • Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre

Directed by Nicolette Molnár; conducted by Martin Katz. • There's more to this opera than the fairy tale! Sun. 2:00 PM Mon., March 25 8:00 PM UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA • Hill Auditorium • Kenneth Kiesler, conductor. With Joana Cameiro,

guest conductor and Harold Smoliar, English horn. Elgar's "Enigma Variations," UM professor Michael Daugherty's "Spaghetti Western," and the world premiere of Jonathan Pieslak's "Dust."

Mon., Mar. 25 6:40 PM GUEST MASTERCLASS: Grace Bumbry, Soprano, Metropolitan Opera • Britton Recital Hall

Mon., Mar. 25 8:00 PM JAZZ LAB ENSEMBLE • Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre • Dennis Wilson, director. Wed., March 27 GAMELAN ENSEMBLE • Hill Auditorium • Featuring artists-in-residence Bambang Irawan and Farida Rahmalina, 8:00 PM dancers from the royal palace in Surakarta, Java, Indonesia

Thu., Mar. 28 8:00 PM HORN STUDIO RECITAL • Britton Recital Hall • Students of Soren Hermansson

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DRAMA: The Balcony by Jean Genet • Trueblood Theatre Thu.-Sun., Mar. 28-31 Thu.-Sat., 8:00 PM Sun., 2:00 PM pala Nkanga. A controversial, shocking, and bizarre portrait of power and identity. Tickets required: 764-2538.

For details concerning above events, please refer to the Calendar of Events in the *Ann Arbor Observer* or call the School of Music Information Office at 764-0583 or the Events Hotline at 763-4726. Events are free and wheelchair accessible unless otherwise specified. The E.V. Moore Building houses Britton Recital Hall, McIntosh Theatre, and Blanche Anderson Moore Hall. The Moore Building is located on Baits Dr., North Campus (US 23 to Plymouth Rd., Plymouth to Broadway, Broadway to Baits).

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personal and romantic relationships. Her debut CD Real Day, was named one of the top 10 "Emergine Artist CDs of 1999" by Amazon.com. 8 p.m., FUM Green Wood Church, 1001 Green Rd. at Glazie Way. \$10 (kids 10 & under, 2 for the price of 1) is advance and at the door. 662–4536, 665–8558.

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15th Annual Storytelling Festival: The Ark March 1-3. Storytelling continues to enjoy a renaissance as a form of popular entertainment, and the Ark's annual festival features performances by top notch storytellers from around the country and the state. Tonight's headliner is Gordon Bok, a veteral folksinger from Camden, Maine, with a large reper toire of traditional and original songs, stories, and legends about the sea and seafarers. Also, Mikt Mazur, a storyteller from Ohio who specializes it traditional Irish stories, and popular local storytelled LaRon Williams, a specialist in African American folktales. Includes folk, literary, historical, and musi cal tales. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$15 (Mar. 1 & 2) & \$7 (Mar. 3 children's show) in advance at Liberty Borders, Herb David Guitar Studio the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"Hamlet": BlackBag Productions. February 28-March 3. Barton Bund and Dana Sutton direct lo cal actors in this gender-bending experimental production of Shakespeare's richly poetic tragedy about the tormented prince of Denmark, whose quest 10 avenge his father's murder leads to disaster. The selting is contemporary, and most roles are performed by actors of the opposite sex. Cast: Victoria Walters Barton Bund, Ben Frick, Eric McKay, Ahmed Musli ani, Courtney Riddle, Dana Sutton, and Paul and Will Myers. 8 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N-Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets \$14 (students & seniors \$10) at the door only. 480-2787.

"The House of Bernarda Alba": Washtenay Community College. February 28-March 2. Rober Bethune directs WCC students in Federico Garcia Lorca's grim portrait of a family in mourningnewly widowed, tyrannical mother in a small Spanis village imposes an iron-fisted 8-year mourning pen od on her daughters. When, to uphold the family honor, she forbids them to leave the house, the sib lings' simmering resentments boil over into violence 8 p.m., WCC Morris J. Lawrence Bldg. Towsley All ditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets \$1 (youths 18 & younger, students, and seniors, \$8) i advance and at the door. 973–3450.

"Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Compa ny. Every Wednesday-Sunday through March Suzi Regan directs Craig Pospisil's charming mantic comedy about a pair of 30-something Nev Yorkers whose engagement and marriage is scrub nized over the course of a year by 10 of their co leagues, relatives, and friends, whose lives inter twine in sometimes unexpected ways. 8 p.m. Garage Theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. \$22.5! (Wed. & Thurs.), \$27.50 (Sat. & Sun. matinees). \$32.50 (Fri. & Sat. eves.) at the door and in advant at 433-ROSE

Emo Philips: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. Feb ruary 28 and March 1 & 2. This audaciously eccentric, freakishly cerebral comic is back by popular demand. Phillips's fans and critics regard him as one o the funniest persons on earth. He has created an of stage persona of unusual complexity and resonance at once an innocent idiot of mythical proportions and a sly trickster incessantly fracturing conventional certainties with lightning-quick verbal wizardry. Critics baffled as well as charmed, have called him every thing from a "befuddled visitor from another plane to "Kafka's sly, irreverent hunger artist made emaclated flesh." Even if you're not a habitue of comed) clubs, this is one performer you might want to check out. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served all 8 p.m. Friday shows are nonsmoking shows. 8 & 10:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant) 314 F. Liberty Sto (Thurs) 8 Sto (Thurs) 314 E. Liberty. \$10 (Thurs.) & \$12 (Fri. & Sat.) (Fri. served seating in advance, \$13 (Thurs.) & \$15 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996-9080.

2002 Great Lakes Regional American College Dance Festival: U-M Dance Department. February 27-March 2. This series of 4 concerts of innova tive dance continues tonight with a program dances exploring "Dance and Technology." 8:34
p.m., Power Center. Tickets \$10 (\$15 for the Feb. 26
concert) per concert & \$30 for all 4 concerts in ad vance at the Michigan League Box Office and at the door, 764-2538.

Singles Dance: Parents Without Partners. March 1, 15, & 29. All adults invited for an evening of dancing and socializing. Recorded 70s-90s music played by a DJ from Imperial Sound. Cash bar-Smoking allowed in designated areas. 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. \$7 (PWP members, \$5). 973-1933.

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Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668–8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA.

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*T'ai Chi. Every Saturday & Sunday. Local martial arts instructor Gabriel Chin leads a session of t'ai chi, which combines an exaggeratedly slow martial art and meditation. 8 a.m., the Cube, north side of Michigan Union. Free. 761–3272.

Handcraft Sale: Sales Exchange Refugee Rehabilitation Volunteers. *March* 2 & 3. A wide variety of handcrafted items by Third World artisans. SERRV is an ecumenical nonprofit marketing organization designed to provide a major alternative sales outlet for artisans in economically developing areas of the world. 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty. Free admission. Wheelchair-accessible. sible. 663-0362

*"Dinosaurs and Other Friends: Paleo Puzzles": U-M Exhibit Museum/Ann Arbor District Library. March 2, 9, & 20 (at various library branches) and 23 (at the U-M Exhibit Museum). Family-oriented program of hands-on science activities. 10-11 a.m., AADL West Branch, Westgate Shopping Center, Free, Preregistration required, 994-1674.

*"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library. March 2, 6, 21, & 29 (different branch locations).
Book discussion group led by AADL staff focusing on popular books and authors. Today: White Teeth, on popular books and authors. Today: White Teeth, Zadie Smith's epic debut novel about the mix of cultures and clash of personalities in contemporary London as revealed in the intertwining lives of 2 WW II veterans and their families. 10–11:30 a.m., AADL West Branch, Westgate Shopping Center. Free, Preregistration required. 994–16740.

*"Resurrection of an Underdeveloped Detroit Neighborhood": Gray Panthers of Huron Valley. EMU journalism professor Charles Simmons dis cusses his work in helping revive the North Gold-berg neighborhood in Detroit. Followed by discussion. Refreshments. 10 a.m.-noon, Ann Arbor Se-nior Center, 1320 Baldwin, Free. 663-6248.

*Winter Democratic Rides: Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. Every Saturday & Sunday. The as sembled riders choose their own pace, distance, and destination. *Note:* Riders should be prepared to take care of themselves on all AABTS rides. Carry a water bottle, a spare tire or tube, a pump, change for a phone call, and snacks. 10 a.m. (Saturdays only) & 1 p.m. (both days), meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 913–9851.

*"Saturday Morning Physics": U-M Physics Department. March 2, 9, 16, & 23. Talks by U-M and guest faculty in this popular series of talks on cutting-edge research aimed at general audiences. Today: 11. M. about 15 and 1 day: U-M physics professor emeritus Michael Sanders examines "Physicists and the Bomb: The A-Bomb in Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union." Also this month: Santa Fe Institute researcher Mark Newman on "Epidemics, the Internet, and the 6 Degrees of Separation: The Physics of Networks" (March 9), U-M English professor Eric Rabkin on "Why 10" (March 16) "Why Is There Science in Fiction?" (March 16), and U-M physics professor August Evrard on "Our Place in the Cosmos" (March 23). Breakfast refreshments. 10:30–11:30 a.m., 170 Dennison Bldg., 501 East University. Free. 764–4437.

Draw Doubles: Ann Arbor Area Disc Induced Sports Club. Every Saturday. All invited to play disc golf at Hudson Mills Metropark's 18-hole disc golf course. Disc golf is a popular sport played with a Frisbee-like disc; the goal is to land the disc in a "pole hole" in the fewest shots. In draw doubles play beginners are paired with advanced players to create beginners are paired with advanced players to create parity. Prizes. Golf discs available free from the Hudson Mills Metropark office. 11 a.m., Hudson Mills Metropark office. 8801 North Terri-Mills Metropark office. 11 a.m., Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.) Description of the Property of th River Dr.), Dexter. \$4 per player; free for spectators. (Park entry fee: \$3 per vehicle.) 434-1615.

*Dr. Seuss Birthday Party: Barnes & Noble. Kids ages 4–8 invited for Dr. Seuss stories and other activities. Drawing for a free copy of Green Eggs and Ham. 11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washenaw. Free. Preregistration recommended. 677-6475.

*Children's Events: Liberty Borders. Every Saturday. Borders staff and guests read stories and lead ac Rabbit. Also this month: a celebration of "Dr. Seuss's Birthday," with stories, treats, and crafts (March 2, 1 p.m.), ArtVentures visits with an Egyptian beaded collar craft (March 9, 1 p.m.), Margaret Schmidt the Farm Lady brings a fluffy bottle-fed Schmidt the Farm Lady brings a fluffy bottle-fed lamb (March 16), members of the Organization for Bat Conservation bring and discuss live bats (March

23), and an "Olivia the Pig Party" with Ian Falconer's endearing pig (March 30). 11 a.m. (unless otherwise noted), Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.

*Story Hours: Nicola's Books. Every Saturday. An hour of multicultural stories for kids of all ages by local storytellers **Beverly Black** (March 2 & 16), Charles Lewis (March 9 & 23), and Eric Engel (March 30). Also, on March 30 only, a post-storytime visit from **Winnie the Pooh**, who distributes free activity kits, while they last. 11 a.m.-noon, Nico-la's Books, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662-4110.

"Stars of Winter"/"Women in Astronomy": U-M Exhibit Museum Planetarium. Every Saturday & Sunday through March 10. Stars of Winter (11:30 a.m. Saturdays only and 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. both days) is an audiovisual exploration of the stars and planets currently visible in the sky, narrated by the late U-M law professor (and local actor) Bev Pooley. Women in Astronomy (12:30 p.m. Saturdays only and 2:30 p.m. both days) is a brand-new audiovisual show (see review, p. 67) about the history of women's contribution to astronomy, from Hypatia of Alexandria in the 5th century to various contemporary astronomers. Note: A new planetarium show begins March 16 (see listing). 11:30 a.m. and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, & 3:30 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, North University at Geddes Ave. \$3 (seniors & children 12) & under, \$2). 764-0478.

*Children's Events: Arborland Borders. Every Saturday. Today: stories about adventure and dragons. Also this month: ArtVentures brings a Japanese fish print craft (March 9). A St. Patrick's Day party with stories and cookie-decorating (March 16). Stories about notable women to celebrate women's history month, plus a snack and raffle (March 23). An Easter party with stories and a craft (March 30). Noon, Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free.

*Ann Arbor Juggling Arts Club. Every Saturday & Tuesday. All invited to practice their juggling skills. Beginners welcome. 1–3 p.m. (Sat.) & 7:30–9:30 p.m. (Tues.), location TBA. Free. 913–5831.

*"Grassroots Activism in Latin America": Nicola's Books. Monica Weinheimer, cofounder of the Ann Arbor Mobilization for Global Justice, discusses her experiences at the recent World Social Forum in Brazil. 2 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–4110.

*African American Book Club: Nicola's Books. All invited to discuss On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam C. J. Walker, A'Lelia Bundles's biography of the daughter of slaves who founded and brilliantly managed a pioneering hair care products empire. 4 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. Information: Veleria Banks at (734) 942-6013.

First Saturday Square Dance, Contra Dance, and Potluck: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. Martha Tyner calls to music by the Cinnamon Rollers (David Orlin, Debbie Jackson, and Doug Carpenter). Square dancing (4 p.m.) is followed by a potluck (6 p.m.) and contras (8 p.m.). Wear cool, casual clothes and flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing. Also, all musicians invited to a free open jam, 1–4 p.m., 4 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of 1-94). Afternoon dance \$5. Evening dance \$8 (members, \$7), 662–9290 (dance), 769–4220 (jam).

U-M Men's Basketball vs. Ohio State. Note: The game may be moved to March 3 at 4 p.m., depending on TV preference. 4:30 or 8 p.m., Crister Arena. \$15 & \$20.764-0247.

Annual Auction: Greenhills School. Live and Annual Auction: Greenhills School. Live and silent auctions of goods and services, including a trip to Cancun, a Mackinac Island getaway, tickets to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, lunch with Ernie Harwell, and more. Cocktails and dinner (7:30 p.m.) included. Benefit for Greenhills School. 5:30–11 p.m., Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Tickets \$100 in advance only. 769-4180.

Mardi Gras Celebration: Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. A belated Mardi Gras celebration with New Orleans cuisine prepared by chefs Betsy Sidell and Barbara Stee. Followed at 7 p.m. by dancing and other festivities. Live music by the local Cajun and zydeco band Maison Bleue. Also, a kids parade and other festivities. Silent auction. Costumes encouraged. Children welcome. 6:30–10 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Hall, 306 N. Division at Catherine. \$15 (children 6–12, \$5; kids 5 & under, free). 214–3977, 665–4734. Mardi Gras Celebration: Episcopal Church of

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. March 2, 3, 12, 13, 26, & 30. This Ann Arbor-based program features 46 of the best 16-and 17-year-old American ice hockey players under the guidance of U.S. National coach Jeff Jackson. The program fields 2 teams—the Under-17 Team and the Under-18 Team—that play full schedules,

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September-March, against teams from the top American junior leagues (players ages 18–21) and against comparable European national teams. Today: Team USA Under-18 vs. Capital Center of the North American Hockey League. 7 p.m., Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Dr. at Scio Church Rd. \$6 (students & children, \$3), 327–9251.

★Open Role-Playing Gaming Night: The Underworld. Every Saturday. All invited to play any of the role-playing games that the Underworld carries, but you must find your own opponents. 7 p.m.-midnight, The Underworld, 1214 South University. Free. 998-0547.

Dexter Twirlers Square Dance Club. March 2 & 16. Modern western square dancing to recorded music, with caller Glen Geer. Experienced dancers invited. Preceded by round dancing (7:30 p.m.). Refreshments. 8–10:30 p.m., St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor Rd. at Fourth St., Dexter. \$7 per couple. 433–0308.

Blue Dog and the Troubadours: Kerrytown Concert House. Double bill. The Detroit avant jazz quintet Blue Dog wackily jigsaws bits of jazz, funk, tango, rock, metal, and noise into an ironic, kinetic puzzle. Members are bassist Jaribu Shahid, saxophonist Michael Graye, pianist Mick Dobday, drummer Alex Trajano, and guitarist (and former Larval member) Erik Gustafson. The Troubadours, the duo of guitarists Michael Blaszkiewicz and David Cocagne, are described as "two punk rockers with classical guitar masters' degrees." 8 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$12 (students, \$8) in advance or at the door. Reservations suggested. 769–2999.

"Elizabeth Rex": Performance Network Professional Season. March 2 & 3 (end of a 5-week run). Malcolm Tulip directs Timothy Findley's brilliant exploration of gender roles, a huge hit at last summer's Stratford Festival. The action, prompted by a chance encounter between Ned Lowenscroft, Shakespeare's genius player of women, and Elizabeth I, England's genius player of men, takes the form of a witty, volatile, often tender dialogue in which they reflect on their lives, their passions, and their understandings of what makes a man a man and a woman a woman. Stars Gillian Eaton and Thomas Hoagland. 3 & 8 p.m., Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. Tickets \$25 (seniors, \$22) on Fri. & Sat. and \$20 (seniors, \$17) on Thurs. & Sun. in advance by reservation and at the door. Half-price student rush tickets available 1 hour before showtime. For reservations, call 663–0681; to charge by phone, call 663–0696.

2002 Great Lakes Regional American College Dance Festival: U-M Dance Department. See 1 Friday. Tonight's "Gala Concert" features works by student choreographers chosen by a panel of dance professionals, 8 p.m.

"Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Friday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Hamlet": BlackBag Productions. See 1 Friday. 8 p.m.

"The House of Bernarda Alba": Washtenaw Community College, See 1 Friday, 8 p.m.

15th Annual Storytelling Festival: The Ark. See 1 Friday. Tonight: Heather Forest, a Huntington, New York, storyteller known for minstrel-style shows that blend poetry, prose, and song. (Forest was forced to cancel her scheduled appearance at the festival last year because of a skiing injury.) Also, Lou Killen, who tells traditional tales from his native northeast England, and Badria Jazairi, a Hopwood Awardwinning local writer and storyteller who won the 2001 Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. 8 p.m.

Emo Philips: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 1 Friday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668–8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA.

3 SUNDAY

★Shorinji Kempo. Every Sunday. This Japanese self-defense system combines hard and soft techniques with Zen philosophy. 9–11 a.m., Arts in Motion Dance Studio, 2839 Boardwalk. Free to first-time visitors (\$25 monthly dues). 332–1780.

★Sunday Session: Buddhist Society for Compassionate Wisdom. Every Sunday. All invited to join a program of meditation, chanting, contemplation, and discussion of the power of love and peace. 9:30 a.m. & 5 p.m., Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard at Wells. Free; donations accepted.

*"Knob Botany": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike and discusses the park's "knob

early music



Vox

Glorious a cappella

Honestly, it was about as exquisitely, sublimely beautiful a musical experience as I have had in a long, long time.

I didn't go with high hopes. It was a cold and dismal October afternoon, and the rain had seeped through my bones to my heart. And the promise of a *local* a cappella ensemble singing Dufay, Josquin, Gesualdo, and Palestrina did not raise my hopes. Surely the singers would inevitably go flat, the tempos drag. Surely they would start on one tone and inexorably end at least a half tone below. Surely singing such deeply expressive and profoundly spiritual music would be beyond them.

Surely, I was wrong. Vox, the local a cappella ensemble in question, can in fact sing those composers' gorgeous and glorious music, and they don't go flat, get lost, or drop dead. They sing with security and confidence; they sing in tune and on time. They sing line against line of chromatic counterpoint with only one voice to a part, and they sing it with extraordinary beauty of tone. My skepticism was confounded. They were terrific.

Vox's opening set of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century madrigals was deeply expressive. I thought I would expire from the heart-rending beauty of Monteverdi's "Si ch'io vorrei morire." But then came Gesualdo's "Itene, o miei sospiri," with its anguished and agonizing chromatic harmonies, and I thought certainly my heart would break. Their performances of sacred motets by Dufay and Josquin, two of the loftiest and noblest composers before Bach, also found an ethereal purity of tone and celestial clarity of voice.

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But as good as the madrigals and the motets were, they were merely the prologue to Palestrina's *Pope Marcellus* Mass. Although Palestrina is far from my favorite composer of polyphonic masses—give me Ockeghem or Josquin—Vox's performance was simply stunning. The ease of their ensemble, the assurance of their intonation, the gracefulness of the rhythm, the beauty of their tone: these things could be taken for granted. The calm concentration, the tranquil intensity, the still sublimity of their *Pope Marcellus* was sweet joy.

Marcellus was sweet joy.

Vox's season concludes with a concert of Renaissance elegies on Saturday, March 9, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Don't miss it.

—James Leonard

and kettle" topography, a pattern of bulges and dips carved out by glaciers. 10 a.m., Park Lyndon South (west parking lot), North Territorial Rd. (15 miles west of US-23). Free. 971–6337.

*"Chester Graham, Founder of the Ashland Folk School in Grant, Michigan: His Life and Times": Ann Arbor Unitarian Fellowship. Talk by U-M humanities professor emeritus Ralph Loomis. 10 a.m., Burns Park Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 971– 8638

★Purim Party: Jewish Cultural Society. Family-oriented program of arts and craft activities, games, music, and a Purim play. Treats include pizza and hamantaschen. All invited to come in costume. 10 a.m.—noon, Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 975–9872.

★Chinese Meditation: Ann Arbor Chapter of the International Yan Xin Qigong Association. Every Sunday. All invited to discuss and practice this Chinese form of meditation. 10:30 a.m.-noon, 1014 Dow Bldg., 2300 Hayward, North Campus. Free. 764–2182.

★First Singles: First Presbyterian Church. Every Sunday. A weekly program open to all single adults age 50 and older interested in contemporary Christian topics, new ideas, personal growth, and social and physical activities. This week: world-renowned local boogie-woogie and blues pianist Mark "Mr.

B" Braun discusses his music in the context of blues and jazz history. Also this month: U-M Health Services History Center assistant director Chris Bass on "Women's Health Care in Early-20th-Century Ann Arbor" (March 10), First Singles member Barbara Brown discusses her work as an Ann Arbor Public Schools counselor (March 17), First Presbyterian singles ministries coordinator Susan Whitlock leads a Bible study (March 24), and an Easter potluck brunch (March 31). Also, members meet for breakfast every Saturday at 10 a.m. at Cafe Marie in the Courtyard Shops (1759 Plymouth Rd.). 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662–4466, ext. 43.

*"How to Survive Spiritually in Our Times": Eckankar of Ann Arbor. All invited to discuss soul travel, dream interpretation, karma, and self-mastery. 11 a.m., 410 W. Washington, Suite 32. Free-994-0766.

*First Sunday Hot Sauce Tasting: Tios Mexicant Cafe on Washtenaw. Tios manager Tim Seaver offers samples of the hundreds of hot sauces and salsas available at this popular Mexican diner. Work your way through 100 sauces and you'll get a free T-shirt. Noon-4 p.m., Tios Mexican Cafe, 2224 Washtenaw at Hewitt. Free. 528-4444.

International Standard Accuracy Contest: Michigan Atlatl Association. All invited to compete in a contest that includes 5 throws each at 15 m and 20 m

targets. Atlatl is the Nahuatl (Aztec) word for a Neolithic device used for throwing a spear or dart, a weapon that predates the bow and arrow by several millennia. Also, the Rod & Gun Club's 30-target 3-D course is open today to all archers and atlatlists, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Noon, Chelsea Rod & Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Rd. (south off Waterloo Rd., west of Chelsea). \$9 course fee. (810) 231-2314.

*"First Sunday Free": ArtVentures Studio (Ann Arbor Art Center). All children and their parents invited to learn Celtic monogramming and etch a lunula (crescent-shaped neck ornament). 1-4 p.m., AAAC, 117 W. Liberty. Free. 994-8004.

*4th Annual ID Day: U-M Exhibit Museum. All invited to bring in their prehistoric (or at least really old) treasures and nature finds to have them identified by a professional paleontologist, geologist, or anthropologist. No appraisals. *1–4 p.m.*, *U-M Exhibit* Museum, North University at Geddes Ave. Free.

15th Annual Storytelling Festival: The Ark. See 1 Friday. Today: children's concert featuring 3 or 4 of the festival storytellers. I p.m.

"Maple Syrup Highlights": Waterloo Natural History Association. WNHA naturalist Tom Jameson shows the documentary video Maple Sugar Farmer, discusses do-it-yourself maple syrup making, and leads a walk through the woods to show how to identify and tap maple trees, and more. 1:30 P.m., Eddy Discovery Center lower parking lot, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take 1-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) \$2 (family, \$5: WNHA members, free). Preregistration required. \$4 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit (\$20 per year).

*"Gurdjieff/Ouspensky: A Fourth Way School": Highercosmos, Every Sunday & Wednesday. All invited to learn about this practical system for the development of consciousness based on the work of G. I. Gurdjieff, the turn-of-the-century Turkish-Armenian mystic and philosopher whose blend of Eastern and Western traditions profoundly influenced 20th-century Western notions of holistic consciousness, and his disciple, the Russian mathematician and mystic P. D. Ouspensky. 2 p.m. (Sun.) & 7 p.m. (Wed.). location TBA. Free. (734) 697-2477.

Conservatory Tours: U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Every Sunday. Docents lead an informative conservatory tour of "The Conservatory in Winter: An Oasis of Color and Warmth." Also, today only, a docent-led outdoor tour to investigate "Where's Spring?" (1 p.m.). 2 p.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Conservatory tour: \$4 (kids 6-18, \$2: kids 5 & under, free). Outdoor trail tour: \$1.

*"Lions and Lambs Laugh with Mother Goose": Kerrytown Shops. 30-minute family-oriented program of rhymes, riddles, and rollicking fun, with lo-cal storyteller Trudy Bulkley as Mother Goose. 2 p.m., Workbench Furniture, Kerrytown, Free, 769-3115.

★Guild Day: Druids of Shining Lakes Grove. All invited to meet local neopagans and sit in on meetings of their Magicians (2-3 p.m.), Healers (3-4 p.m.), and Warriors (4-5 p.m.) guilds. 2-5 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free. 697-

"Harold Lloyd": Ann Arbor Silent Film Society. Feature: Why Worry? (Fred C. Newmeyer & Sam Taylor, 1923) stars Lloyd as a wealthy hypochondriac who travels to a South American "paradise" for rest. Only when his nurse is captured does he notice that he's in the midst of a violent revolution. With that he's in the midst of a violent revolution. With the help of a friendly giant—portrayed by 8' 9 1/2"

John Aasen—he quells the war. It is preceded by 1'm on My Way (1919), a comic short that stars below as the property of the property Lloyd as a man about to get married who changes his mind after an unnerving visit to the home of a married friend. The program begins with a series of shorts of the series of t shorts featuring 4 rarely seen silent comedians: Max Linder (a major influence on Charlie Chaplin) in Troubles of a Grass-Widower, Raymond Griffith in The Scoundrel's Toll, Harry Langdon in Smile Please, and Fatty Arbuckle in The Waiter's Ball. Also. The Acrobatic Fly, a 2-minute curiosity starring an actual fly. 2 p.m., Michigan Theater screening room, 603 E. Liberty, \$4, 677–1359, 668–8480.

"Hamlet": BlackBag Productions. See 1 Friday. 2

"Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Friday. 2 p.m.

"Elizabeth Rex": Performance Network Professional Season. See 2 Saturday. 2 p.m.

*Ann Arbor-Motown Hash House Harriers. Every Sunday & occasional Mondays. The local chapter of an unorthodox running club for people who like to make a game of running. Each runner's



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17TH ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS EXHIBITION Join us in honoring the work of our outstanding undergraduate students. This year, over thirty awards will be presented.

Reception March 9, 7:00pm

7th ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF ART BY MICHIGAN PRISONERS Curated by Art & Design lecturer Janie Paul and English Professor Buzz Alexander, over 100 artists from 35 prisons will exhibit work Numerous speakers and events are scheduled. For more information contact Jesse Janetta 734-647-7673 or jesserj@umich.edu.

Reception March 5, 5:00-7:30pm

LECTURE: FRANK GRUNWALD

An industrial designer with training in painting, sculpture and furniture design, Grunwald is currently the Manager of Strategic Design at Thomson Multimedia in Indianapolis. Supported by the Penny W. Stamps Distinguished Visitors Fund.

Lecture 5:00pm Admission Free

MEDICINE FOR TODAY: LUX MUNDI

In conjunction with the 40th Ann Arbor Film Festival, installations and performance-events investigating the theme of light. Participating artists include School of Art & Design lecturer Leslie Raymond, staff member Mark Nielsen, and a range of local and

LECTURE: KARA WALKER

Often using the medium of cut paper, Walker addresses slavery and its continuing legacy in the American consciousness. A part of the Penny W. Stamps Lecture Series, this lecture is in conjunction with her creation of a panoramic frieze installation in the UM Museum of Art Apse. Supported by the Penny W. Stamps Distinguished Visitors Fund.

Lecture 3:00pm Admission Free

LECTURE: GRISELDA POLLOCK

Pollock is a Professor of Social and Critical Histories of Art, Director of the Centre for Cultural Studies, University of Leeds, and a noted author. Her lecture is supported by the Penny W. Stamps Distinguished Visitors Fund.

Lecture 5:00pm Admission Free

MASTER OF FINE ARTS THESIS EXHIBITION
This thesis exhibition by Master of Fine Arts degree candidates from the School of Art & Design includes work by Lee Deigaard, Michael DeNoma, Melanie Dorson, Titus Heagins, Linda Hyong, Jacob Martinez, Cecilia Mendez, Gerry Moll, Amir Mughal, Kelly Jean Ohl, Changhui Park, Nicole Parker and Mark Porter.

Reception March 22, 6:00-8:00pm

LECTURE: STEPHANIE ROWDEN

Rowden is a sound artist and a visiting faculty member at the School of Art & Design. Her presentation will examine sound as an art medium – from the gathering of audio material, to the designing of sound scores and their integration into her installations. Supported by the Penny W. Stamps Distinguished Visitors Fund.

Lecture 5:00pm Admission Free

EXHIBITION: EAR PLAY

Created by students in the School of Art & Design's "Sound and Installation" course, this show of audio installations and soundworks invites discovery in and around the Media Union. The Media Union information desk has a map of locations of work.

LECTURE: HEIDI KUMAO

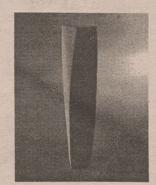
Heidi Kumao, visiting faculty member in the School of Art & Design, creates intimate installations, digital animations, and kinetic sculptures that expose the underlying mechanisms and psychology of everyday situations. Supported by the Penny W. Stamps Distinguished Visitors Fund.

Lecture 5:00pm Admission Free

CASTAGNACCI: PROGRESSIONS

School of Art & Design Professor Vincent Castagnacci exhibits drawings and paintings, 1997 - 2002. For further information please call 248.258.9282.

University of Michigan Art + Architecture Building, 2000 Bonisteel Blvd. Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2069 Most events are free and open to the public. For more information, please call 734.936.2082. http://www.art-design.umich.edu email contact: katewest@umich.edu











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3 SUNDAY EVENTS continued

task is to follow a trail designed to be confusing. The usual result is that the lead (i.e., fastest) runners run the longest distance, so that runners of varying abilities complete the course in nearly the same time. Each run includes at least one pit stop (with beer and pop hidden along the way) and is followed by a trip to a nearby restaurant. 3 p.m. (Sun.) & 6:30 p.m. (Mon.), location TBA. Free. Weekly locations available at my.voyager.net/-tashjian.

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 2 Saturday. Today: Team USA Under-17 vs. Capital Center of the North American Hockey League. 3 p.m.

★"Michael Cardew": Yourist Pottery. Screening of a 1983 video about this pioneering British functional potter (1901–1983) noted for his novel combination of traditional forms with contemporary decorative images. 4 p.m., Yourist Pottery & Design Studio, 1160 Broadway. Free. 662–4914.

"Variations in the Key of A2": Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. AASO music director Arie Lipsky leads this professional community ensemble in a family concert that features guest performances by 2 local youths. Pianist Rebecca Choi solos in Dohnanyi's Variations on a Nursery Song, and Sam Fink narrates Britten's famous Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, 13 variations on a theme by Henry Purcell that illustrate how an orchestra can change a work's tempo, dynamics, and mood. The program also includes Haydn's startling Surprise Symphony, Ives's Variations on "America," and Cailliet's Variations on "Pop Goes the Weasel." Preceded by a free string instrument petting zoo that offers a chance to see and handle instruments (2:30–3:30 p.m.) 4 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$10 (kids 18 & under, \$5) in advance at the AASO office, 527 E. Liberty, Suite 208, and at the door. 994–4801.

2nd Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction: Boychoir of Ann Arbor. Dinner followed by a performance by the Exeter Consort, a select group of the Boychoir's finest singers. Hosted by U-M Glee Club director Jerry Blackstone. Live and silent auctions of donated goods and services. Auctioneer is Brian Braun of Braun and Helmer. 6 p.m., Gandy Dancer restaurant, 401 Depot St. \$125.663-5377.

*Ann Arbor Morris & Sword Dancers. Every Sunday. All invited to try this English ceremonial dance dating back to medieval times. Wear soft-soled shoes. 6–8 p.m., Gretchen's House Learning Center, 2340 Oak Valley Dr. Free. For information, call Jill Baker at 623–8374.

★Vince Ambrosetti: St. Francis of Assisi Altar Society. Pop-styled original religious songs, drawing their lyrics from Scripture, by this acclaimed keyboardist-composer who wrote the first English-language Mass celebrated at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and performed his hymn "Sanctuary" at the funeral of Mother Teresa. He won the 2001 Unity Award as Catholic Artist of the Year. 7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium. Free. 821–2125.

*Public Outreach Lecture Series: U-M Life Sciences, Values, and Society Program. March 3, 10, & 17. Talks by U-M faculty. Today: internal medicine professor Kathleen Collins on "HIV and AIDS: The Current Crisis." Also this month: Collins on "HIV and AIDS: Future Directions" (March 10), and natural resources professor Rosina Bierbaum on "The Science and Politics of Global Warming" (March 17). 7:30-9 p.m., 100 Hutchins Hall, 625 S. State. Free, 647-4571.

Cathie Ryan: The Ark. Traditional Irish music and country-flavored originals by this Irish-American chanteuse, a former member of Cherish the Ladies who has released 2 acclaimed solo CDs on the Shanachie label. She was named Irish Female Vocalist of the Decade by the Irish American News of Chicago. 7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$13.50 in advance at Liberty Borders, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.

Weekly Meeting: U-M Ballroom Dancers, Every Sunday except March 17. Ballroom dancing to recorded music, including fox-trots, waltzes, chachas, rumbas, tangos, swing, and more. No partner necessary. Preceded at 5:30 p.m. by lessons and practice. 8–10 p.m., Michigan Union Ballroom (Mar. 3, 10, & 31) & Michigan League Ballroom (Mar. 24). \$2.763–6984.

FILMS

Ann Arbor Silent Film Society. "Harold Lloyd." See Events listing above. Mich., 2 p.m. Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668–8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA.

4 MONDAY

*Monday Club: Ann Arbor Salvation Army. Drop-in social group for seniors age 55 and older. Every meeting includes a speaker, word game, craft, or activity. Also, Bible study and chair exercises. Coffee, tea, juice, and doughnuts served. Followed by lunch (\$1) and socializing. 10 a.m.—noon, Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. Free. 668—8353.

*Weekly Rehearsal: Women's Chamber Chorus. Every Monday. All invited to join this independent 30-member local women's chorus to sing everything from Bach and Hungarian folk songs to madrigals and pop tunes. Leslie Austin directs. 10–11:45 a.m.. West Side Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh at Davis. Free to first-time visitors (\$40 per semestet membership dues). 677–0678, 663–5907.

★Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center. Every Monday. Activities begin at 11 a.m. with "Fitness Fun" (\$3), a 60-minute exercise program led by Maria Farquhar. At noon, a homemade luncheon buffet (\$4, \$3 with reservations). The weekly program also includes meetings of the Writing Group (1 p.m.). All invited. 11 a.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.

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★Carillon Concert: U-M Music School. Daily from March 4. A chance to ascend the Burton (Mon.—Sat.) or Lurie (Sun.—Fri.) tower and check out the carillon as it's being played by one of 18 U-M faculty or student carillonists. Noon—12:30 p.m. (Mon.—Fri.) & 10:15—10:45 a.m. (Sat.), Burton Tower; 1—1:30 p.m. (Mon.—Fri.) & 1:15—2 p.m. (Sun.), Lurie Tower. North Campus. Free. 764—0583.

*"Hot Topics in International Law": U-M Center for International and Comparative Law. Every Monday. Talks by U-M and visiting law professors. Today: Georgetown University's Lama Abu-Odeh on "Legal Theory in the Contemporary Arab World." Also this month: University of Toronto's Brian Langille on a topic TBA (March 11), University of Toronto's Kerry Rittich on "Engendering Development: A New Paradigm of International Gender Justice?" (March 18), and Suffolk (Boston) University's Sara Dillon on "Building a Better WTO: The Limits of Interpretation" (March 25). Refreshments. 3:40–5:40 p.m., 116 Hutchins Hall. 625 S. State. Free. 764–0535.

*Avis Farms Toastmasters. March 4 & 18. Members give speeches and are critiqued by their audience. A chance to develop confidence in speaking publicly. Note: Different Toastmasters chapters meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday (see listings). 4:30–6:30 p.m., 900 Avis Dr., conference room B, off S. State. Free to visitors. Dues: \$18 every 6 months (after a onetime nonrefundable fee of \$16). 332–1210, ext. 176.

★Betty Kemnitz: U-M Nursing History Society.
Oral history talk with this former U-M nursing supervisor. Preceded by a 5:15 p.m. potluck (bring a dish to pass and place setting). 6 p.m., 1334 U-M School of Nursing, 400 N. Ingalls. Free. 434–0266.

*Huron Valley Toastmasters. Every Monday. Members give speeches and are critiqued by their audience. A chance to develop confidence in speaking publicly. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by dinner in the cafeteria. Note: Different Toastmasters chapters meet every Wednesday & Thursday (see listings). 7–9 p.m., U-M Main Hospital cafeteria, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free to visitors. Dues: \$48 a year (after a onetime nonrefundable fee of \$16). 663–1836.

Washtenaw Chess Club. Every Monday & Wednesday. All invited to play chess with their peers. Chess sets and clocks provided. 7–11 p.m., Chess Express. 220 S. Main (below Elmo's Supershirts). \$3 (first-time visitors, free). 665–0612.

*Board Gaming Night: The Underworld. Every Monday. All invited to play any of the board games that the Underworld carries, but you must find your own opponents. Tonight's featured game: the brandnew Industrial Waste. Also this month: the Renaissance Europe trading game El Grande (March 11), the brand-new Theophrastus (March 18), and various short, humorous games made by Cheap Ass (March 25). 7–9 p.m., The Underworld, 1214 South University. Free. 998–0547.

*Large Ensemble Meeting: Ann Arbor Recorder Society. All beginning and advanced players of the recorder and other early instruments invited. Music provided; bring your own music stand. 7–9 p.m.. Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett (between Packard & South Industrial). Free to first-time visitors (\$30 annual dues). 769–1616.

"Messages for the Millennium": Crystal Clear Expressions. Psychic Nanci Rose Gerler channels empowering spiritual messages from various masters, guides, and angels. 7–9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore meeting room, 114 S. Main. \$15. Reservations requested, 996–8799.

*"Working Solo: Creating Your Own Job": U-M Center for the Education of Women. Five local entrepreneurs discuss the personal costs and benefits of freelance work. Panelists: former midwife Patty Brennan, freelance writer and editor Deborah Siegel, personal coach Bridget Trujuillio, financial consultant Meri Dembrow, and Articulture artist agent Kris Chandler. 7–8:30 p.m., CEW, 330 E. Liberty, Free, 998–7080.

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Dream Group. March 4 & 18. All invited to join veteran local social worker Rebecca Mullen to discuss their dreams from Jungian, Buddhist, and other spiritual perspectives. 7:30 p.m., location TBA. \$5 donation. 662–5925.

*Weekly Rehearsal: Out Loud Chorus. Every Monday. Beginning to advanced singers invited to join this chorus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their friends. 7:30–9:30 p.m., Memorial Christian Church, 730 Tappan. Free. 973–6084.

*"Aut" Social Group for Professional Lesbian Singles and Friends. All professional lesbian singles invited for an evening of socializing. 7:30 p.m., \aut\ Bar, 315 Braun Ct. Free (pay for your own snack). 747–7322.

*"Monday Evenings with Stephen McLean": Gateway Chiropractic. March 4 & 18. Talks by this local chiropractor. Today: "Breath and Healing." Also this month: "Your Healing Journey: 'How Am I Doing, What Should I Look For, and Where Am I Going?" (March 18). 8 p.m., 1210 N. Maple Rd. at Miller. Free, but reservations requested. 668–6110.

★Fruit: The Ark. Melodic folk-rock, alternately pop-oriented and jazz-inflected, by this popular all-female band from southern Australia that features 3 different lead vocalists and rich, resonant vocal harmonies. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 761–1800.

Pub Quiz: Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. Every Monday. Local high school English teacher Geoff Cost throws out questions for anyone to answer at this popular weekly trivia fest. Prizes. 9–11:30 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. \$5 team fee. 665–2968.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation "Interior Vision Film Series." "That Obscure Object of Desire" (Luis Bunuel, 1977). Today only. A layabout Lothario and a much younger woman stealthily seduce each other. Fernando Rey, Carole Bouquet. French, subtitles. Michigan Theater, 7 p.m. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

5 TUESDAY

*"Relieving Suffering in War-Ravaged Afghanistan": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. Talk by Marvin Parvez, Church World Service director for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Breakfast provided. 8–9:30 a.m., Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave. Free. Preregistration required. 663–1870.

*"Preschool Play and Sing": Learning Express. March 5 & 19. KinderMusik teacher Denise Owens leads preschoolers from babies up to 18 months in music play. 10 a.m., Learning Express, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 997–0707.

*Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center. Every Tuesday. All seniors invited to play mahjongg (noon-2 p.m.) and/or join the ABC Quilters (1-3 p.m.) to make quilts for HIV-infected babies. Also, "Introduction to the Prophets and the Literature of the Ancient Near East" (10:30-11:30 a.m.), a series of lectures by Liz Fried that runs through March 19. Noon-3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free, 971-0990.

*Brown Bag Lectures: U-M Institute for the Humanities. Every Tuesday. Today: U-M Near Eastern studies grad student Andrea Seri discusses "Is Mesopotamian History History?" Also this month: U-M Press director Philip Pochoda on "Can University Presses Assist Our Damaged Public Culture?" (March 12), University of Leeds social and critical histories of art professor Griselda Pollock on "Power and the Body: Myths, Tropes, and Images of the Feminine Then and Now" (March 19), and renowned environmental artist Mel Chin on "S.W.I.N.G.: Shifting since 9/11" (March 26). S.W.I.N.G. (Sustainable Works Involving Neighborhood Groups) is Chin's current project, which finds creative new uses for abandoned houses in Detroit. Bring a bag lunch. Noon, Institute for the Humanities common room, Comerica Bldg. (2nd floor), 350 S. Thayer. Free. 936–3518.

★Brown Bag Lecture: U-M Center for Chinese Studies. Every Tuesday. Talks by U-M and visiting

scholars. Bring a bag lunch; cookies and coffee served. Today: University of Illinois-Springfield history professor Terry Bodenhorn discusses "Wasting the Danshui River." Also this month: University of Illinois East Asian languages and literatures professor Zong-qi Cai on "Intracultural, Crosscultural, and Transcultural Perspectives in East-West Cultural Comparison" (March 12), U-M political science professor Ken Lieberthal on "China: Domestic and International Challenges" (March 19), and Tsinghua University (Beijing) humanities professor Yan Haiping on "Transnational Performance and Intellectual Position-Taking: Genres of Modern China and Its Female Subjectivity" (March 26). Noon-1 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free, 764-6308.

★Peace Vigil: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. Every Tuesday. All invited to gather to call for a peaceful response to the events of September 11. Noon-1 p.m., Federal Bldg., Liberty at Fifth St. Free. 663–1870.

★"Justice and Women's Issues in East Timor": U-M Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Talk by East Timorese activist Filomena Barros dos Reis. Noon-1 p.m., 1644 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-0352.

*"The History of Quilting": Newcomers Coterie Club of Ann Arbor. Talk by Tina Roth of the Viking Sewing Center. Coterie is open to all women who have moved or returned to the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area. 12:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations required.

★Shulchan Ivrit (Hebrew Table): American Movement for Israel. Every Tuesday. Beginning to advanced levels of Hebrew speakers invited for conversation. 4:30–6 p.m., Cava Java (lower level), East University at South University. Free admission. 769–0500.

*"Art by Michigan Prisoners": U-M School of Art and Design. Opening reception for an annual exhibit and sale (see Galleries) of nearly 200 acrylic and oil paintings, paper collages, and multimedia and found-object works collected from 35 Michigan prison art programs. Refreshments. Also, talks by former prison artists (5:30 p.m.). Related events: performance by actor-activist Michael Keck (see 8 Friday listing). Talks by art instructors and former prison artists (March 9, 2 p.m., Pierpont Commons, & March 15, 7 p.m., Chrysler Building Cheseborough Auditorium), readings of poems collected from prisons and Detroit high schools (March 7, 7 p.m., Cheseborough), and panel discussion by prisoners' families (March 10, 11 a.m., Cheseborough), and more. 5–7:30 p.m., U-M Media Union, 2281 Bonisteel Blvd. at Murfin, North Campus. Free. 627–7673.

*"A Gathering of Peace": The Free Daist Communion. Every Tuesday. Prayer vigil for peace featuring the teachings of Adi Da, Western-born guru Heart Master (formerly known as Da Free John). All invited. 7 p.m., location TBA. Free. 741–0432.

★"Philippines Studies Initiative": U-M Philippine Study Group. Every Tuesday. A series of talks by U-M faculty and guest speakers that explore Philippine culture, language, and history. Followed by Q&A. Today and March 12 & 19: London School of Economics anthropology professor Fenela Cannell on "Christianity in the Philippines." Also this month: U-M urban planning professor Gavin Shatkin on "Devolution in the Philippines: Local Politics and Civil Society in Metro Manila" (March 26). 7–10 p.m., 2609 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. (313) 717–4083.

*Sweet Adelines County Connection. Every Tuesday. All women invited to participate in the weekly rehearsals of this local 30-member barbershop harmony chorus. 7–10:30 p.m., UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Rd. (west of Rawsonville Rd. off 1-94), Ypsilanti. Free to visitors (\$18 monthly dues for those who join). 995–4110.

★"Talking, Reading, and Writing: What's the Connection?": Ann Arbor District Library. U-M Communicative Disorders Clinic associate director Joanne Pierson discusses the current understanding of the role that oral language and books in the home play in children's literacy development. Parents encouraged to bring their child's favorite book. 7–8 p.m., AADL youth department story room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.

*Acoustic Open Mike: Dreamland Theater. Every Tuesday & Thursday. All musicians and storytellers invited. 7-9:30 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Free. 485-3454.

Track Workout: Ann Arbor Track Club. Every Tuesday except March 26. Runners (and walkers) of all ages and abilities welcome. Now in their 25th year, the Track Club's workouts are a popular means for runners to train and be timed at various distances. 7:30 p.m., U-M Track Bldg., Hoover at S. State. U-M pass (\$5 per day) required. 668–7931, 663–9740.



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TUE 3/5 8 PM

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Mussorgsky

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Guthrie Theater: Eugene O'Neill's Ah, Wilderness!

Directed by Douglas Wager

FRI 3/8 8.PM SAT 3/9 8 PM

Power Center

The internationally acclaimed Guthrie Theater presents Eugene O'Neill's Ah, Wilderness! Described as O'Neill's only true comedy, this sunny summer tale is set in a small Connecticut town on the Fourth of July weekend in 1906. Centering on the Miller family and their teenage son who is teetering on the brink of manhood, Ah Wilderness! is a coming-of-age story that is as relevant today as it was nearly 100 years ago.

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March Events

Los Muñequitos de Matanzas

FRI 3/15 8 PM

Hill Auditorium

When it comes to rumba, this is the raw, real thing. Mesmerizing audiences with fiery rumbas, explosive dance and captivating vocals, the legendary Los Muñequitos de Matanzas (pronounced LOS moon-yeah-KEE-tos DAY Mah-TAHN-zahs) returns to Ann Arbor for its 50th anniversary tour after its electrifying debut in 1998.

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The Tallis Scholars

Peter Phillips director

TUE 3/19 8 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Having been selected to perform at the unveiling of the complete restoration of the Michelangelo frescoes in the Sistine Chapel in 1994, the Tallis Scholars are the leading exponents of Renaissance sacred music.

PROGRAM

Tallis White

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Spem in alium (with the UMS Choral Union)

Exaudiat te

Christe qui lux III and IV

Peccavimus Dum transisset

Audivi vocem

Ave Maria

O bone Jesu Tallis Spem in alium (with the UMS Choral Union)

Da Camera of Houston Epigraph for a Condemned Book

Sarah Rothenberg director and piano Music by Frédéric Chopin Texts by Charles Baudelaire Lighting by Jennifer Tipton Video by Chris Kondek

WED 3/20 8 PM

Power Center

This evening of music and poetry illustrates the works of 19th-century artists, Frédéric Chopin and Charles Baudelaire. The bold modern spirit of these two romantic geniuses is revealed in this visionary 21stcentury production, with the piano recital reinvented as a unique dialogue of poetry and music through lighting, video and live performance.

PROGRAM

Chopin Scherzo No. 1 in b minor, Op. 20 Chopin Preludes, Op. 28, Nos. 2, 3 & 4

Chopin Nocturne in c-sharp minor, Op. 27, No.1

Chopin Berceuse, Op. 57

Ballade No. 4 in f minor, Op. 52

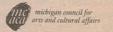
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Twyla Tharp Dance

Twyla Tharp artistic director

SAT 3/23 8 PM SUN 3/24 3 PM

"In her amazing ability to tap into the very core of the American spirit through dance, Twyla Tharp stands unchallenged as the supreme choreographer of her time." (Chicago Tribune) Twyla Tharp Dance, a new company of six remarkable dancers, debuted last summer and won instantaneous praise. These performances feature two different programs of new repertoire.

PROGRAM (SATURDAY 3/23) Mozart Clarinet Quintet, K. 581

(Choreography by Twyla Tharp/Music by Mozart) Surfer at the River Styx (Tharp/Donald Knaack)

PROGRAM (SUNDAY 3/24) Westerly Round (Tharp/Marl O'Connor) Sinatra Suites (Tharp/American song standards) Surfer at the River Styx (Tharp/Knaack)

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Brahms' German Requiem

UMS Choral Union Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra Thomas Sheets conductor Janice Chandler soprano Stephen Bryant bass-baritone

FRI 3/29 8:30 PM

Hill Auditorium

The 2000-2001 UMS Season included performances of two great Requiems, those monumental works by Verdi and Berlioz. A third beloved Requiem is Brahms' German Requiem, the composer's greatest vocal work and his first orchestral score to receive widespread praise. This special performance will be held on Good Friday, with the UMS Choral Union and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra performing.

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Educational Events

Guthrie Theater

The Guthrie Speaks: Play discussion with company members. Thursday, March 7, 7 pm. Ann Arbor District Library, Auditorium, Basement Level (343 S. Fifth Ave.)

Da Camera of Houston: Epigraph for a Condemned Book

Study Club #4 "Baudelaire's Flower of Evil" with UM Marvin Felheim Distinguished Professor of French and Comparative Literature Ross Chambers and UM Professor of Musicology Naomi André. To register call 734.615.6739. Limited registration. Tuesday, March 12, 7 pm. Michigan League, Koessler Room. Brown Bag Lunch with Artistic Director Sarah Rothenberg, Lighting Designer Jennifer Tipton, and Video Artist Chris Kondek. Tuesday, March 19, 12 noon. UM Institute for the Humanities, Conference Room, 2nd Floor,

Meet the Artists post-performance dialogue from the stage. Wednesday, March 20. Power Center.

Los Muñequitos de Matanzas

Rumba and Yoruba Dance Master Class with company members. To register call 734.647.6712. Saturday, March 16, 11 am. UM School of Dance, Betty Pease Studio.

Interview and Lecture/Demonstration with company members by Music Educator and Host of WEMU's Cuban Fantasy Alberto Nacif. Saturday, March 16, 1:30 pm. UM International Institute, Room 1636.

Twyla Tharp Dance

Lecture/Demonstration with Twyla Tharp and company members. Friday, March 22, 4:15 pm. UM School of Dance, Studio A.

PREP by UM Associate Professor of Dance and Art History Beth Genné. Saturday, March 23, 7 pm. Michigan League, Michigan Room

Brahms' German Requiem

PREP "All Humanity in Mind" by UM Associate Professor of Musicology Steven Whiting. Friday, March 29, 7 pm. UM Modern Language Building, Announcing the recipient of the

2002 UMS Distinguished Artist Award

Presented at the Ford Honors Program





Marilyn Horne Saturday, May 11

Hill Auditorium & Michigan League Ballroom

The 7th Annual Ford Honors Program pays tribute to the great American mezzo-soprano Marilyn Horne. Ms. Horne, whose first Ann Arbor performance was 30 years ago, has performed under UMS auspices five times. This evening's tribute will include performances by well-known friends of Ms. Home from the world of opera, appearances by several protégés who have been supported by the Marilyn Horne Foundation and an on-stage interview. This will be the final performance in Hill Auditorium before it closes for significant renovations. A gala dinner in Ms. Horne's honor will follow at the Michigan League Ballroom.

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40Th Ann Arbor Film Estrual SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 3.10-3.17 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL EVENTS \$7, AT THE MICHIGAN THEATER. FILM SCREENINGS, SHOWN IN THE MAIN AUDITORIUM, ARE ALL THE FILMS-IN-COMPETITION SELECTED FROM ENTRIES. NO FILM GETS SHOWN TWICE 40th Anniversary Opening Gala Celebration, \$50 VIP/\$30 GEN/\$15 STUDENT SUN VIP Cocktail Party: meet John Nelson, enjoy fabulous food, drinks, and frivolity Opening Gala Celebration: Tribute to Vicki Honeyman's 15th anniversary as MARCH 10 6 pm festival director; John Nelson, Oscar winner for Visual Effects, Gladiator, Pat Oleszko performs FILM SCREENINGS MON 7 pm The Old Guard: Richard Myers, Moving Pictures, screening room MARCH 11 8 pm FILM SCREENINGS 10 pm The Old Guard: James Benning, 8 1/2 x 11, screening room TUES Panel: Film Jams, screening room, fre Borders Books presents Michael Moore: sneak preview & book signing MARCH 12 5 pm Michael Moore presents clips from his new film on gun control, and signs copies of his new book *Stupid White Men* FILM SCREENINGS 7 pm To War or Not to War: The Good War and Those Who Refused to Fight It, and 8 pm e System, screening room FILM SCREENINGS 9 pm New Faces in the Crowd: Craig Baldwin, Alien Abnormalities Out of Other 10 pm WED Panel: Film Jams, screening room, free 1 pm Juror presentation: Pat Oleszko MARCH 13 3 pm 7 pm Hundreth Monkey performs Wolfsong FILM SCREENINGS Other Media: Videoworks from Montevideo, Netherlands Media Art Institute, 8 pm FILM SCREENINGS 9 pm New Faces in the Crowd: Lux Mundi, Cinema Connection, screening room 10 pm Craig Baldwin salon: Press Play to Agitate: Pirates, Parodists, and the Prank-11 pm entary, Firefly Club, \$3 cover and one drink minimum THURS Seminar: AVID, screening room, luncheon to follow noon Juror presentation: Chel White MARCH 14 3 pm Arwulf performs on stage 7 pm FILM SCREENINGS The Old Guard: Branden Joseph, Mind Split Open: Andy Warhol's Exploding Plastic 8 pm Other Media: Videoworks from Montevideo, Netherlands Media Art Institute, 10 pm 9 pm FILM SCREENINGS 11 pm FILM SCREENINGS Panel: "What the Hell Was That?", screening room, free FRI 1 pm MARCH 15 Juror presentation: Jay Rosenblatt 3 pm FILM SCREENINGS d Media, 9/11 Project, screening room 9 pm FILM SCREENINGS New Faces in the Crowd: Bill Morrison, Decasia, screening room 10 pm H pm FILM SCREENINGS Panel: "What the Hell Was That?", screening room, free 1 pm MARCH 16 Advisory Board: Alison LaTendresse, Lost and Found: Recent Videoworks on 3 pm and Loss, screening room, free Pat Oleszko performs on stage, Rubble Without Pause 7 pm Out Night: Gay/lesbian program, Steers & Queers, & gay/lesbian shorts, screening room 7 pm 8 pm Retrospective Screening: Vick's Picks The Old Guard: Barbara Hammer, Tender Fictions & Still Point, screening room 10 pm Retrospective Screening: Vick's Picks 11:30 After hours salon with Captain Salty and crew, Firefly Club SUN 1 pm Wrap up, screening room, free MARCH 17 3 pm Advisory Board: Deanna Morse, Creating a DVD of Animation & Experimental Closing Night Special Feature Presentation: Pre-release screening of Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys, starring Jodie Foster, with Q & A by the producer, Meg LeFavre WINNERS' SHOW FILM SCREENINGS 8 pm The Old Guard: George Manupelli, Rarely Seen Filmworks, 1965-1981, 8 pm

5 TUESDAY EVENTS continued

"Planetary Healing Circle." Every Tuesday. All invited to join for silent meditation on world peace, healing, and joy. 7:30–8:30 p.m., Genesis of Ann Arbor, room 13, 2309 Packard. \$1 suggested donation. 971–8576.

★"Teens Using Drugs: How to Know and What to Do": Community Action on Substance Abuse. March 5 & 12. 2-part lecture by veteran local social worker Ron Harrison. 7:30–9 p.m., St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, room EC4, 5305 Elliott Dr. (off McAuley Dr. from Huron River Dr.). Free. 973–7892.

★"Herbal for Men": People's Food Co-op Herbal Wisdom Series. Talk by local holistic health practitioner Linda Feldt. 7:30–9:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. Preregistration required. 994–4589.

"Channeling of Mataji": Essence Point. Local psychic John Friedlander channels this feminine version of "Seth." Also, a talk on a topic TBA, and Q&A. 7:30 p.m., St. Clare/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard. Enter at the wooden doors on the side. \$15.741-0478.

★"A Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life": Jewel Heart Buddhist Center. Every Tuesday. Talk by Rimpoche Nawang Gehlek, an incarnate lama from Tibet who lives in Ann Arbor. Occasionally, the talk is given by Gehlek's longtime student Aura Glaser (former owner of Crazy Wisdom Bookstore) or a visiting speaker. 7:30 p.m., Jewel Heart Buddhist Center, 207 E. Washington. Free, but donations are accepted. 994–3387.

★Biweekly Meeting: Ann Arbor Camera Club. March 5 & 19. Members compete for prizes in the club's annual slide (March 5) and print (March 19) competitions. All invited. 7:30 p.m., Forsythe Middle School, room 310, 1655 Newport Rd. at Sunset. Free, 663–3763, 665–6597.

★"How the Dolphin Got His Smarts: The Evolution of Intelligence in Whales": U-M Science Research Club. Talk by Cranbrook Institute of Science paleontology and zoology curator Mark Uhen. Refreshments. 7:30–10 p.m., G-390 Dental Bldg., 1011 North University. (Entrance is from 3rd level of the Fletcher St. parking structure.) Free. 761–4320.

*German Speakers' Round Table. Every Tuesday. All German speakers invited for conversation. 7:30 p.m., Cafe Zola, 112 W. Washington. Free admission. 665–2931.

★Spanish Readers Group: Barnes & Noble. All invited to join a discussion, in Spanish, of *Ensayo sobre la ceguera (Blindness)*, 1998 Nobel Prize-winning Portuguese novelist Jose Saramago's terrifying allegorical tale about an epidemic of blindness that strikes an unnamed city. 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

*Huron Valley Harmonizers Chapter of SPEB-SQSA. Every Tuesday. All male singers invited to attend the weekly rehearsals of this local barbershop harmony chorus. 7:30 p.m., Stony Creek United Methodist Church, 8635 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free to visitors (\$73 annual dues for those who join). Newcomers should call in advance for instructions. For information, call John Paglione at 971–2720.

*"The Brown Book of the Hitler Terror": Staging Antifascism": U-M Center for European Studies. Talk by Princeton University history professor Anson Rabinbach. 8–10 p.m., 1644 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 647–2743.

Swing Dance Jam. March 5 & 19. Swing dancing, including the jitterbug, the lindy hop, and other styles, to recorded music at an informal dance on a wooden dance floor. No formal instruction, but experienced dancers are usually willing to share different moves. Beginners welcome; no partner necessary. 8–9:30 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver Rd. (off Nixon Rd.). \$2.973–2654.

Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers. Every Tuesday. Ballroom dancing to live music by Detroitarea bands. Includes fox-trots, waltzes, Latin and swing dancing, and more. Singles and couples welcome. Refreshments. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a dance class (\$4). Dress code observed. 8–11 p.m., Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium. \$5 (members, \$4). 971–2015, (517) 423–0677.

Dan Stevens: Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. Reading by this Kalamazoo poet. Also, open mike readings, which usually draw an engaging variety of accomplished poets and entertaining monologists in verse, and a "poetry slam," in which poets read one of their works in each round of a tournament-style competition for a \$10 prize and the heady adrenaline rush that accompanies victory. 8–11 p.m., Club Heidelberg (above the Heidelberg Restaurant), 215 N. Main. \$4. For information, call Larry Francis at 426–3451.

Richard Thompson: The Ark. A former lead guitarist with the legendary English folk-rock group Fairport Convention, Thompson has since established himself as one of England's most compelling and original singer-songwriters. He made a series of superb LPs with his former wife, Linda, in the late 70s and early 80s, and his solo recordings have been widely acclaimed for their trenchant lyrics, alternately (and sometimes simultaneously) plangent and humorous, and for their adventurous, evocative blending of early rock 'n' roll with Scottish dance rhythms. Thompson is also one of the best rock guitarists around, and many of his fans come to his concerts just to hear his biting, incisive guitar solos. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$35 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

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St. Petersburg Philharmonic: University Musical Society. Founded in 1882 as the court orchestra of the czar, this orchestra has survived war, revolution, and political upheaval to reach its current status as Russia's greatest symphonic ensemble. Director Yuri Temirkanov has helped the orchestra establish its reputation for distinctive interpretations of the Russian repertoire. Leif Ove Andsnes, an accomplished young Norwegian pianist whom a New York Times critic praised for his "superb technique and probing musicianship," is the featured soloist in Mus-sorgsky's somber Dawn Over the Moscow River and Rachmaninoff's beguiling first piano concerto. The program also includes Shostakovich's subversive Symphony no. 5. Note: Dinner (\$25) precedes the performance; reservations required (647-1175). 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$16-\$50 in advance at the Michigan League and (if available) at the door To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229

English Country Dancing: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. Every Tuesday. Historical and traditional English dances. Today: Andreas Hayden leads to music by David West and Donna Baird. Also this month: Alisa Dodson leads to music by Debbie Jackson and Anne Ogren (March 12). A leader TBA, with music by David West and Donna Baird (March 19). Greg Meisner and Arlene Kindel lead to music by Michael Shelata and Ogren (March 26). Partners, previous experience not necessary. Comfortable nonslip walking shoes recommended. Preceded by beginning (7 p.m.) and intermediate (8 p.m.) lessons. 8:45–9:45 p.m., Chapel Hill Condominium clubhouse, 3350 Green Rd. \$6.422–1170.

"Tuesday Tickler": The Heidelberg Club Above. Every Tuesday. Short sets by a variety of area and regional stand-up comics. If you'd like to perform, call emcee Timmy P at 369–2381 at least 5 days in advance. 9:30 p.m.–2 a.m., Club Above (3rd floor of the Heidelberg), 215 N. Main. \$5 at the door only.

FILMS

The Underworld. "Anime Night." Every Tuesday. Free DVD showings of feature-length Japanese anime films. The film to be shown is chosen by the audience. No admission after 9:30 p.m. Japanese, subtitles. FREE. 998–0547. The Underworld (1202 South University), 9 p.m. Michigan Theater Foundation. "Life and Debt" (Stephanie Black, 2001). March 5 & 7. Searing, dour documentary about the effect of Jamaica's economic problems on its people. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors. \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668–8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA.

6 WEDNESDAY

*"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library. See 2 Saturday. Today: Interpreter of Maladies, Jhumpa Lahiri's Pulitzer Prize—winning collection of stories exploring the lives of Indian immigrants and expatriates as they adjust to new circumstances, relationships, and cultures. 10–11:30 a.m., AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Preregistration required. 327–4560.

*Wednesday Winter Ride: Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. Every Wednesday. The assembled riders choose their own pace, distance, and destination. 11 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 994–5908 & 663–4498 (today's ride), 913–9851 (general information).

*Children's Storytime: Arborland Borders. Every Wednesday. Borders staffers read a selection of kids books. 11 a.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

★"Who's at the Controls: Parents and Professionals Talk about Teens": U-M Center for the Education of Women. Talks by local child psychologist Andrew Orosan-Weine and parenting instructor Christa Williams. Noon-1:30 p.m., Michigan League Michigan Room. Free. 998-7080.

10 pm WINNERS' SHOW FILM SCREENINGS

10 pm The Old Guard: Andy Warhol, Vinyl, screening room

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*Brown Bag Lecture: U-M Center for Russian and East European Studies. Every Wednesday. Bring a bag lunch. Today: U-M Slavic languages and literatures professor Olga Maiorova discusses "Russian Society of the 19th Century and the Greek-Bulgarian Church Schism." Also this month: Harvard University Slavic languages and literatures professor Julie Buckler on "Walking on Words: Oral History, Text, and Toponym in St. Petersburg" (March 13), Oberlin College sociology professor Veljko Vujacic on "After Milosevic: Problems in the Consolidation of Democracy in Serbia" (March 20), and West Virginia University Central and East European history professor Robert Blobaum on "Under Lock and Key? Prison and Prison Conditions in Russian Poland on the Eve of the Great War" (March 27). Noon, 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764–0351.

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Wednesday Cooking Class: Kitchen Port. Every Wednesday. Cooking demonstrations by local culinary experts. Today: Myles Anton of D'Amato's demonstrates how to make fresh homemade pasta. Also this month: Culinary Institute of Americatrained chef Alice Young creates pastries (March 13). The Michigan Union's Kory Rollins prepares luscious desserts with cognac, champagne, and Bailey's and gives tips on "Getting Drunk with Desserts" (March 20). Washtenaw County probate court judge John Kirkendall and Jim Palasek, "just back from raiding the henhouse," invite you to "plead no contest and join the rest of us found guilty of loving the humble egg." (March 27). Noon-1 p.m., Kitchen Port (Kerrytown). \$5 includes coffee, taste samples, & recipes. 665-9188.

Noon Lecture Series: Kempf House Center for Local History. Every Wednesday. Today: U-M Ford Presidential Library archives specialist Donna Lehman discusses "Gerald and Betty Ford: Just What the Country Needed." Also this month: U-M history of medicine professor Howard Markel on "The Iodized Salt Research of Pediatrics Professor David Murray Cowie" (March 13), Willow Building Company founder and CEO Mary Branch discusses "Restoration in Ann Arbor" (March 20), and veteran Ypsilanti historic preservation activist (and former Community High School English teacher) Tom Dodd on "The Storytelling Tradition of Ypsilanti's Depot Town and Other Environs" (March 27), Noon-1 p.m., Kempf House, 312 S. Division. Admission \$2 (Kempf House members, \$1). 994–4898.

*ArtVideos: U-M Museum of Art. Every Wednesday. Screenings of videos on African American themes, in conjunction with Kara Walker's current exhibit, Abbreviated Emancipation. Today: The BBC production Africans: Tools of Exploitation examines Africa's natural and human resources before and after colonialism. Also this month: The Terrible Transformation studies the arrival of the first Africans in Virginia in 1619 (March 13), We Shall Overcome traces the history of the civil rights movement (March 20), and William Daly's 1914 film adaptation of Uncle Tom's Cabin features the first African American film actor in a starring role, Sam Lucas. 12:10 p.m., UMMA audiovisual room, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 763–UMMA.

*Carleton Hertler: Pittsfield Township Historical Society. Oral history talk by Hertler, a retired farmer and lifelong township resident. Q&A. 2 p.m., Pittsfield Senior Center, 701 West Ellsworth. Free. 429–4517.

Open House: U-M Detroit Observatory. March 6 & 19. All invited to take a docent-guided tour of the photographs and artifacts in this award-winning restored museum. High tech in its day, this 19th-century observatory was the sole source of accurate time for much of the Great Lakes frontier. Not recommended for children under age 10. 2–5 p.m. (Mar. 6) & 11 a.m.–2 p.m. (Mar. 19), U-M Detroit Observatory, 1398 East Ann at Observatory. \$5 suggested donation, 763–2230.

*"Planetary Healing Circle." Every Wednesday. All invited to join for silent meditation on world peace, healing, and joy. 3-4 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore meeting room, 114 S. Main. Free. 971–8576.

"Buhrrr Blast": Ann Arbor Parks Department. Every Wednesday. A variety of activities for kids. 4-5:45 p.m., Buhr Park outdoor ice rink, 2751 Packard. \$2.50. 971-3228.

Wine Tasting: Paesano's Restaurant. Every Wednesday. A chance to sample 6 different Italian wines each week, in an informal and friendly setting, with a selection of hot antipasti. 6–7 p.m., Paesano's, 3411 Washtenaw. Space limited; reservations recommended. \$15, 971–0484.

Wine Tasting: Bird of Paradise. Every Wednesday. A chance to taste and sample 4 different wines each week. The weekly flight of wines is built around a particular region (usually French), wine maker, or variety of grape. 6–9 p.m., Bird of Paradise, 312 S.

Main. \$4.50. 662-8310.

★Ann Arbor Toastmasters Club. Every Wednesday. Members give speeches and are critiqued by their audience. Note: Different Toastmasters chapters meet every Monday and Thursday (see listings). 6:15–7:45 p.m., 102 Krieger Hall, Concordia University, 4090 Geddes Rd. Free to visitors. Dues: \$24 semiannually. 995–7351.

Ann Arbor Bridge Club. Every Wednesday. Each 2-person team plays 2 or 3 hands against a dozen or so other pairs during the evening. Players at all levels welcome. If you plan to come without a partner, call in advance or arrive 20 minutes early to arrange for one. 7–11 p.m., Walden Hills Clubhouse, 2114 Pauline at Maple. (Park on the north side of Pauline.) \$3 per person. 971–7530.

★Transcendental Meditation Introductory Session: Maharishi Vedic School. Every Wednesday. Ann Arbor TM director Carol Lubetkin introduces this simple, natural meditation technique for creativity, happiness, and fulfillment. 7 p.m., location TBA. Free. 996–8686.

*"Medicine for Today: Lux Mundi, Light of the World": Ann Arbor District Library/Art Pro Tem. U-M art school lecturer Leslie Raymond discusses her current project. 7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.

★Poetry Series: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tea Room. Every Wednesday. Open mike poetry readings, except when there is a featured reader (see 20 Wednesday listing). Sign up begins at 6:30 p.m. 7–9:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665–9468.

★"A Smile as Big as the Moon": Arborland Borders. Michigan teacher Mike Kersjes reads from his account of how he enabled his special education class to attend NASA's Space Camp. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free, 677–6948.

"Night of 1,000 Laughs": Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County Young Adult Division. Michigan-based comic Seth Buchwald hosts an evening of laughter about relationships and dating for singles and couples. The show, which includes lots of improvisation and interaction with the audience, is aimed specifically at Ann Arbor audiences. Indeed, those who order their tickets in advance are encouraged to submit relationship questions for Buchwald to address. "Dating in Ann Arbor is a lot like the weather: everybody talks about it, but no one ever does anything about it," says Buchwald. "Well, this show does something about it." 7:15 p.m., Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$12 at the door. 677–0100.

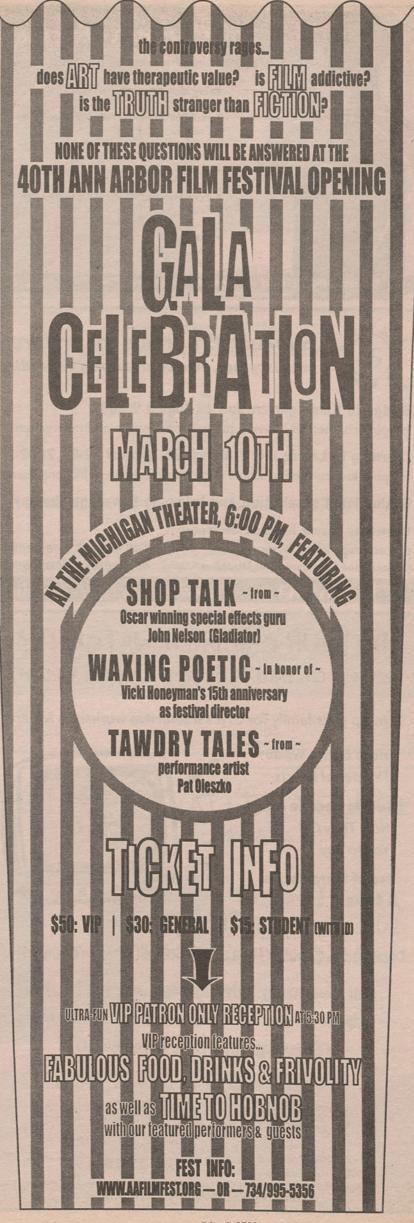
*Meditation: Karma Thegsum Choling. Every Wednesday. KTC staff members introduce Buddhist thought and demonstrate basic meditation practices. 7:30–8:30 p.m., KTC, 614 Miner (off Miller). Free. 761–7495

John Mayer: Clear Channel Entertainment. This Atlanta-based singer-songwriter is known for his heartfelt explorations, alternately humorous and poignant, of personal moods and emotions, sung with an engagingly searching soulfulness. His recently released Aware Records CD, Room for Squares, has provoked comparisons to Dave Matthews and Jakob Dylan. Opening act is Bleu, an indie rock singer-songwriter from Boston. 7:30 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$17.75 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645–6666.

*Scandinavian Folk Music Group. March 6 & 20. All musicians invited to join this group to perform Scandinavian folk tunes. The group is led by fiddler Bruce Sagan, who teaches some new tunes and stylings at each meeting. Newcomers welcome. 8 p.m., 2110 Fulmer Ct. (from Fulmer St., off Miller east of Maple Rd.). Free. 327–3636.

★Bryan Applery-Wineberg: EMU Music Department. This Rowan University (Glassboro, New Jersey) trumpet professor performs works by Purcell, Persichetti, the 19th-century French composer Jean-Baptiste Arban, and the contemporary American composer Eric Ewazen. Piano accompanist is Leslie Spotz. 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.

Rory Block: The Ark. One of the best traditional blues singers around, Block is a deft, exciting finger-picking guitarist, and she sings both traditional and original material in a voice that glides easily between delicate lyrical shadings and powerful declamation. Taj Mahal calls her "very simply the best there is," and she's a longtime local favorite. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$15 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.





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6 WEDNESDAY EVENTS continued

"Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Friday. 8 p.m.

*"Introduction to Steiner's Thought": Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor. Every Wednesday. All invited to discuss one of Rudolf Steiner's basic anthroposophical books, An Outline of Esoteric Science. 8:15-9:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes Ave. Free. 485-3764.

Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668–8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA. U-M Michigan League. "The Mummy Returns" (Stephen Sommers, 2001). Video showing of this horror fantasy. FREE. League Underground, 911 North University, 8 p. m. North University, 8 p.m.

7 THURSDAY

"Native American History and Culture": U-M Turner Geriatric Services "Learning in Retire-ment Program." Every Thursday through April 4. The last 5 in a series of 6 monthly lectures by different speakers. Open to anyone age 55 or older. Today: U-M American culture lecturer Hap McCue discusses "Great Lakes Native Culture." Also in the series: U-M anthropology professor Barbara Meek on "Language Shift in a Northern Athabaskan Community" (March 14), U-M American culture grad student Andrew Adams III on "Native Americans in the 20th Century" (March 21), American Indian Health and Family Services director Lucy Harrison and WSU social work professor Elizabeth Chapleski on "Health, Aging, and Traditional Medicine" (March 28), and U-M American culture professor Liza Black on "Film as History: Filmic Representations of American Indians in the Postwar Era" (April 4). 10 a.m., Kellogg Eye Center auditorium, 1000 Wall St. \$30 (LIR members, \$25) for the 6-lecture series, 764-2556.

*Thursday Lunch Bunch: Jewish Community Center. Every Thursday except March 28. A weekly program of activities primarily for seniors. The program begins at 10 a.m. with "Adults at Leisure Coffee Hour," a social support discussion gram, led by local social worker Phyllis Herzig, that offers a chance to socialize, listen to music, tell jokes, and relay At 11 a m. aducational or cultural presentation. lax. At 11 a.m., educational or cultural presentation. Today: Jewish Family Services director Anya Abramzon discusses the East European holiday "International Women's Day." Also, at 1 p.m. today, Lolita Feinstein, accompanied by pianist Marina Zarkhin, performs Eastern European and American music. Also this month at 11 a.m.: Israeli painter Shokrollah Manzoor talks about the current JCC exhibit (see Galleries) of his Images of the Holocaust (March 14) and an intergenerational seder with stories, songs, and Passover food for seniors and preschoolers (March 21). At 1 p.m. (except today), Current Events, a discussion group led by a facilitator TBA. The program concludes with a meeting of the Senior Literary Group (2:15-3:15 p.m.), a book discussion group led by U-M Dearborn English professor emeritus Sidney Warschausky. Also, at noon, a homemade dairy lunch (\$3 with reservation, \$4 without reservation and for nonseniors). All invited. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971-0990.

★Children's Storytime: Barnes & Noble. Every Thursday. Barnes & Noble staffers present storytelling programs and craft activities for kids ages 2-9. 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

*Noon Lecture Series: U-M Center for Japanese Studies. Every Thursday. Bring lunch. Today: University of Pennsylvania Asian and Middle Eastern studies professor Linda Chance on "Possessing Women: Acts of Impersonation in Japanese Literature." Also this month: Dartmouth College Asian and Middle Eastern languages professor Dennis Washburn on "Visions of Dominance/Phantoms of Posine Obs. toms of Desire: Observations on Yokomitsu Ri-ichi's 'Shanghai'" (March 14), University of California literature professor Lisa Yoneyama on "Remanufacturing Cold War Amnesia: Hiroshima, Comfort Women, and America's 'New War' of Retaliation" (March 21), and University of Pennsylvania history professor Eiichiro Azuma on "Japanese Immigrant History and Japan's Expansionist Orthodoxy" (March 28). Noon, 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-6307.

*"Using Content Analysis to Study Individuals and Groups Who Engage in Terrorism": U-M Psychology Department. Talk by U-M psychology grad student Allison Smith. Noon-1 p.m., 3048 East Hall, 525 East University. Free. 647-4952.

Thursday Forum: First Presbyterian Church.

Every Thursday except March 28. Today: First Presbyterian associate pastor Anna Marie Kidder reads from her translation of the German modernist poet Rainer Maria Rilke's Book of Hours. Also this month, talk on a topic TBA by U-M LS&A assistant dean for student academic affairs Esrold Nurse (March 14), and soprano Melissa Clairmont, a U-M music student, performs cabaret songs (March 21). All invited. Noon-1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church social hall, 1432 Washtenaw. \$4.50 (includes buffet lunch). 662-4466.

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*Gifts of Art: U-M Hospitals. Every Thursday. Performances by local artists. Today: local singer-songwriter Jennifer Erb performs standard and original folk, Celtic, and blues. Also this month: a St. Patrick's Day Concert by Celtic music group MacOidh (March 14). Latin music by Ann Arborite Clinka Ortega a poted Search of the control Ginka Ortega, a noted Spanish flutist whom the New York Times praises for her "remarkably large, full-bodied tone" (March 21). Huron High students perform classical selections (March 28). 12:10 p.m., U-M Hospital lobby, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free. 936-ARTS.

*"Wellness Fair": Glacier Hills. Nutrition information, healthy food samples, product samples minimassages, and screening for bone density and blood pressure. Dietitians on hand for Q&A. 2-4 p.m., Glacier Hills Hanson Room, 1200 Earhart Rd. Free. 769-6410.

*"Access Soapbox": Ann Arbor Community Television Network. Every Thursday. A chance to express your views, discuss your activities, or announce upcoming events on the local public access station (cable channel 17). Participants are free to talk about anything they wish within CTN guide-lines: no direct solicitation of funds, no lottery information, and no material that is obscene, defamatory, invasive of personal privacy, or infringing on copyrights or trademarks. Limited to 5 minutes, each segment features 1 or 2 speakers (with no more than 2 graphics) who talk directly to the camera. Production crew provided by CTN. Access Soapbox shows are aired daily for 1 week, beginning on Sunday. 2–7 p.m., CTN studio, Edison Center, Suite LL114, 425 S. Main. Free. Reservations accepted Tues.-Fri. of the week preceding your appearance. 769-7422

Kids Meeting: Washtenaw Chess Club. Every Thursday. All kids ages 5-12 invited to play chess with their peers. Chess sets and clocks provided. Also, a weekly tournament, 4:30-6:30 p.m. 4-7 p.m., Chess Express, 220 S. Main (below Elmo's Supershirts). \$3 (first-time visitors, free). 665-0612.

*"On the Characteristics of Korean Art: Understanding Korea's Cultural Heritage": U-M Korean Studies Program. Talk by Yeungnam University art professor Yu Hong-june. 4-6 p.m., 1644 SSWB, 1080 S. University. Free. 764–1825.

★"Our Separate Ways": U-M Center for the Education of Women. Dartmouth College business administration professor Ella Bell discusses her research on the strikingly different difficulties experienced at work by black and white businesswomen. Followed by reception. 5-7 p.m., U-M Business School Hale Auditorium, 701 Tappan. Free. 998-

*Frank Grunwald: U-M School of Art and Design. Talk by this industrial designer. 5 p.m., Art & Architecture auditorium, 2000 Bonisteel, North Campus. Free. 764-0397.

★Frederick Busch: U-M English Department Visiting Writers Series. Fiction reading by this PEN/Malamud Award-winning novelist, short story writer, and Colgate University literature professor. Busch's latest work, Don't Tell Anyone, is a collection of short stories expertly charting the hidden undercurrents of American family life. 5 p.m., D1270 U-M Business School, 701 Tappan. Free. 615-3710.

*"Perspectives Forum": First Baptist Church-Every Thursday except March 28. This family program includes a family meal (5:45 p.m.) and a guest speaker (6:30-7:30 p.m.). This month: First Baptist copastors Stacey and Paul Duke present a series of Lenten talks. All invited. 5:45-7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. The meal (reservations requested) is \$5 (kids, free); the talk is free. 663–9376.

Thursday Cooking Class: Kitchen Port. Every Thursday. Cooking demonstrations of dishes TBA by local culinary experts. Tonight: Local breadmaker Bob Frank prepares some "Crusty French Breads." Also this month: the Gandy Dancer's enigmatic Tye Elder prepares "Some Kind of Fish Species" (March 14), Donny's Delights Catering's Chuck Chambers fixes "Classic Amish Dishes" (March 21), and Kana's Duke Tang cooks up some fiery, savory, and succulent "South Korean Dishes" (March 28). 6:30-8:30 p.m., Kitchen Port (Kerrytown). \$7 includes recipes, taste samples, & coffee. 665-9188.

Fitness Workout: Ann Arbor Track Club. Every Thursday. All beginning (and returning) runners,

Joggers, and walkers invited to join this new noncompetitive, fitness-oriented weekly workout. 7 P.m., U-M Track Bldg., Hoover at S. State. U-M Pass (\$5 per day) required. 663–5680, 663–9740.

*Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition.
All invited to discuss ways to improve the quality and quantity of bicycling and walking facilities in the county. 7 p.m., Ecology Center, 117 N. Division. Free. 487–9058.

*Washtenaw Toastmasters. Every Thursday. Members develop public-speaking skills and self-confidence in a supportive environment. Note: Different Toastmasters chapters meet Mondays and Wednesdays (see listings). 7–9 p.m., St. Luke Lutheran Church, 4205 Washtenaw. Free to visitors. Dues: \$52 a year (after a onetime nonrefundable fee of \$16). 572–9978.

*Reiki: Center for Intuitive Health. Local reiki master Ray Golden discusses this healing technique and gives minitreatments. 7 p.m., location TBA. Free. 663–9724.

**Information about Cohousing." March 7 & 18. All invited to learn more about a new cohousing community now forming. Cohousing is a term for an ecologically conscious, collectively owned, resident-planned housing development, such as the Sunward Cohousing complex off Jackson Road. 7 p.m., Nicola's Books, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–4110.

*Mothers & More, March 7 & 22. All moms invited to meet other moms who have adjusted their careers to spend more time with their children. Today: a panel of local school representatives discuss "Family Travel Destinations in Michigan." Also this month: M&M member Angela Harris talks about "How to Give a Great Haircut" (March 22). 7-9 p.m. Genesis Foundation (Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare's Episcopal Church), 2309 Packard. Free. 327-4901.

"The Guthrie Speaks: A Play Discussion": Ann Arbor District Library. Company members of the famed Guthrie Theater of Minneapolis perform excepts from and discuss their upcoming production of Eugene O'Neill's Ah, Wilderness (see 8 Friday listing). 7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.

Doug Marlette: Nicola's Books. This Pulitzer Prize—winning political cartoonist reads from *The Bridge*, his debut novel about a political cartoonist who hits on the idea of returning to his North Carolina stamping grounds after his big-city career implodes. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–4110.

*"Side by Side": Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts. Talented young SPA musicians are matched with local professionals in chamber ensembles for performances of chamber music TBA. SPA musicians: Lisa Broniak, Keara Caldarola, Marcie Grambeau, Rachel Hsieh, Ning-Hsin Juang, Loren Leventer, Thai-Son Nguyen, Jennifer Psujek, Emily Rolka, Julian Trobe, and Natalie Vandeven. Local musicians: Katri Ervamaa, Antoine Hackney, Tami Lee, Stephanie Weaver. 7 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free (donations welcome), 769–2999.

*First Thursdays Performance Series: U-M Museum of Art. Two U-M students, bassist Jordan Scapinello and cellist Alisa Horn, perform works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Schumann, and others. Refreshments. 7 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 763–UMMA.

*Seth Bernard: Schoolkids' Records in Exile. Known for his clever, funny, and candidly insightful lyrics, this local singer-songwriter performs songs from his new CD, Hello Fellow Travelers. 7–8 p.m., Schoolkids' in Exile (downstairs at Bivouac), 332 S. State. Free. 663–7248.

Insight Meditation (Vipassana) Sitting Group: Deep Spring Center. March 7, 12, 21, & 26. All invited to join a sitting group, led by Deep Spring guiding teacher Barbara Brodsky and other DSC teachers, for meditation focusing on the breath. The program includes a sitting, followed by a talk or instruction and discussion. While the practice stems from the earliest and purest Buddhist teachings, this form of meditation requires no religious beliefs. Bring a cushion to sit on; chairs available. 7:15–9:45 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill. Donation. 663–1675, 761–1497.

*"Opals": Huron Hills Lapidary Society. Slideillustrated talk by local mineral expert John Lindsay. Bring rocks and minerals to swap. 7:30 p.m., West Side United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St. at Davis. Free. 665–7166.

*"Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal": Liberty Borders. Christopher Moore reads from his humorous fictional memoir by a wiseacre childhood friend of Jesus. Also, signing. 7:30 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.

Tartan & Thistle Scottish Country Dancers. Every Thursday. Instruction for intermediate-level dancers in a wide range of traditional and contemporary Scottish dances, followed by social dancing. Soft-soled shoes recommended. Refreshments. 7:30–9:30 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver Rd. (off Nixon Rd.). \$3. 769–4324, 426–0241.

"Choral Cavalcade West": Ann Arbor Public Schools. Robert Pratt leads student choirs from Pioneer and Huron High and Forsythe, Tappan, and Slauson middle schools in a wide spectrum of choral music that includes "The Heavens Are Telling" from Haydn's The Creation and Copland's "The Promise of Living." Proceeds benefit middle and high school choirs. 7:30 p.m., Pioneer High School Schreiber Auditorium, 601 W. Stadium. \$5 (age 17 & under, \$2; families, \$10) at the door. 994–2189.

"The Seven Year Itch": Chelsea Area Players. March 7–10. Dinner (March 8 & 9) and dessert (March 7 & 10) theater productions of George Axelrod's 1952 hit play. When a New York businessman's family treks out of town for a summer vacation, leaving him behind, his voluptuous upstairs neighbor becomes an unsettling distraction. CAP productions often sell out, so get tickets early. 7:30 p.m., Chelsea Fairgrounds Bldg., Old US-12 at Manchester, Chelsea. (Take 1-94 to exit 159 north; go north 1 mile and turn west on Old US-12; the fair grounds are 1/4 mile down on the left.) Tickets \$20 (dessert) and \$25 (dinner) in advance at Chelsea Pharmacy and by phone, and (if available) at the door. 475–0917

*"Hail Britannia! A Celebration of British-American Friendship": U-M Music School. U-M performing arts professor Caroline Helton and U-M voice professor Timothy Cheek perform songs by Walton, Britten, Ward, and Argento. 8 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0583.

Lunasa and Whirligig: The Ark. Irish music double bill. Lunasa is an all-star acoustic instrumental ensemble whose renditions of traditional Irish music are known for their rare blend of exploratory musical intelligence and fiery passion. Members are Waterboys guitarist Donogh Hennessy, Coolfin fiddler Sean Smyth, Moving Cloud flutist Kevin Crawford, Nomos piper Ciloian Vallely, and bassist Trevor Hutchinson. Whirligig is a New York City band that blends Celtic music with klezmer and other traditional idioms, as well as elements of jazz, rock, and contemporary dance music. Its instrumentation includes fiddle, bouzouki, tin whistle, uilleann pipes, clarinet, saxophone, and guitar. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$16 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.

★"Faith": U-M Basement Arts Theater. March 7–9. Brandon Hayes directs U-M students in U-M student Nathaniel Wright's comic drama about a deeply religious woman whose world collapses between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Evening time TBA, Arena Stage (Frieze basement), 105 S. State. Free. 764–6800.

"The Magic Flute": Comic Opera Guild. March 7–9. Mitch Gillett directs local actors in COG managing director Thomas Petiet's English translation of Mozart's beloved "opera fantaisie." At once a love story, a whimsical comedy, and an adventure filled with sinister deceptions, The Magic Flute is above all an unsurpassed celebration, by turns jubilant and unsettlingly haunting, of the power of music. Cast includes Petiet, Penny Kindraka, Karin White, Erica Banks, and Caitlin Lynch. 8 p.m., Lydia Mendelssohn Theater. Tickets \$17 (seniors, \$15; students & children, \$7) at the Michigan League Box Office in advance and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538.

"Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. March 7–10, 14–17, & 21–24. Kathi Krater directs Tracy Letts's acclaimed 1993 black comedy, a brutally funny, disturbing tale about a dysfunctional family, holed up in a Texas trailer park, who hire a professional killer to murder their estranged mother. When they are unable to pay up, he demands her young daughter as his retainer. Chicago Tribune reviewer Chris Jones calls it a blend of "the kinetic intensity of the plays of Sam Shepard with the amoral gestalt beloved by Generation X" whose characters are "so deeply and hauntingly drawn that the play is more complex morally than you first realize." Cast: Tanya Canaday, Patrick Kenney, Eric Mauer, Shannon Sanville, Perry Zimmerman. 8 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets \$14 (students & seniors, \$12) in advance and at the door. 480–9577.

"Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Company, See 1 Friday. 8 p.m.

Derek Richards: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. March 7-9. A Detroit native who now lives in Florida, Richards is known for his sarcastic, often hysterically livid observations about everything from phone





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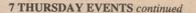
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★58 Greene and The Sopranos: U-M Michigan League "Spotlight Thursday." Performances by these 2 U-M student a cappella choruses. 8:30 p.m., Michigan League Underground, 911 North Universitv. Free. 763-4652.

★U-Club Poetry Slam. March 7 & 21. Competitive readings by university student poets and an open mike. Coffee available. Note: People not affiliated with the U-M are not admitted to the Michigan Union after 9 p.m., but if you arrive before 9 p.m., you may remain through the end of the evening. 9 p.m.-midnight, Michigan Union U-Club. Free.

Argentinian Tango: The Latin and Argentine Tango Club of Detroit. Every Thursday. Tango dancing to recorded music. Also, milonga and tango lessons for beginners, 7–9 p.m. 9 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of 1-94). \$10 (students, \$5). (313) 561-3236.

MTF. "Life and Debt" (Stephanie Black, 2001). Mich., times TBA. Other Michigan Theater films

8 FRIDAY

"Tiny Tots Tea Time": Leslie Science Center (Ann Arbor Parks Department). Hands-on science activities and free play for kids ages 1-3 (accompanied by a caregiver). Snacks provided; dress for the outdoors. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. \$5 (nonresidents, \$6). 997-1553.

*Brown Bag Lecture: U-M Centers for South and Southeast Asian Studies. March 8, 15, & 22. Talks by U-M and visiting scholars. Bring a bag lunch; Indian or Thai lunch (\$4) available to take out or eat during the lecture, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Today: U-M finance professor Mahmud Rehman dis-cusses "Monetary Unification of the Indian Subcontinent." Also this month: U-M comparative literature grad student Pete Becker on "What Happens When You Really Listen: Reading the Old Ja-vanese Ramayana" (March 15) and former Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (Manila) director Nic Tiongson on "Sex, Cinema, and the Catholic Church: Censorship and Morality in Contemporary Philippine Society" (March 22). Noon–1:30 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764–5261.

*"Religion and Politics in the Middle East": U-M Center for Judaic Studies. Talk by Carnegie Mellon history professor Laurie Eisenberg. Also, at 2:30 p.m. she discusses "Religion and Politics in the Middle East" and "The Lebanonization of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict." Noon, 3050 Frieze Bldg., 105 S. State. Free. 763-9047.

★Shigeru Ban: U-M College of Architecture. Talk by this architect known for his innovative use of cardboard to make temporary buildings. 12:30 p.m.. Art & Architecture auditorium, 2000 Bonisteel, North Campus. Free. 764–1300.

*The Yiddish Group: Jewish Community Center. All invited for readings and discussion of Yiddish literature selections TBA. Also, singing of Yiddish songs. 1:30–3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free.

*"The Lion Sleeps under Many Covers: Mbube, Wimoweh, and the Global Circulation of African Music": U-M Music School. Talk by UCLA culture and performance professor Chris Waterman. 4 p.m.. Michigan League Parker Room. Free. 764-0594.

*"Women Who Ruled: Queens, Goddesses, and Amazons": U-M Museum of Art. Panel discussion about the role of women in early modern Europe, with U-M history and women's studies professor Dena Goodman, U-M history professor Diane Hughes, U-M Romance languages and literatures professor Peggy McCracken, and U-M art and women's studies professor Pat Simons. In conjunction with the Women Who Ruled exhibit. 4 p.m., 525 S. State at South University. Free.

*Turner Lecture Series: U-M Department of Geological Sciences. March 8, 15, 22, & 29. Talks by visiting geological scholars. Today: University of California earth sciences professor Thorne Lay digs into "Complex Structures in the Core-Mantle

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Women in Astronomy: A History

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At the top floor of the U-M Exhibit Museum, past the terrific mastodon and tiny moles, is the intimate, round planetarium room. Before the lights dim, you can survey from your comfy bench some of the projectors, mirrors, motors, and speakers that create an out-of-this-world experience. The thing in the middle of the room that resembles a Star Wars droid is the planetarium itself, which projects the magnificent images of celestial bodies in their courses onto the domed ceiling.

Stargazing is ancient and romantic: all you need is a pair of eyes. Astronomy, however, is the scientific study of matter in outer space. You need smarts for it-physics, math, and general science smarts. Historically astronomy has been a male-dominated field (and even today the gender ratio is 4:1), so some of the extraordinary women featured in the planetarium's new production needed both a scholarly advantage and the ability to endure discrimination. Oh, and angry mobs.

The story starts around 450 A.D. with Hypatia, a noted astronomer in Alexandria, then the Greco-Roman world's center of knowledge. She was an astronomer, a Platonic philosopher, and the first woman to make a substantial contribution to the development of mathematics. Masses of people traveled far to hear her public lectures. According to one fifth-century historian, "she not infrequently appeared in public in the presence of the magistrates. Neither did she feel abashed in going to an assembly of men, for all men on account of her extraordinary dignity and virtue admired her the more."

Well, all except a group of fanatical Christian monks who became enraged by her prominence. They formed a mob and dragged her to a church, where they stripped



Carolyn Shoemaker.

her, murdered her, tore her body into pieces, and took her mangled limbs to a place called Cinaron, where they burned them.

About half of the women profiled in the presentation are modern-day astronomers and probably don't have to worry about angry mobs. Women like Sandra Faber can safely focus on studying dark matter. Carolyn Shoemaker has codiscovered more than thirty comets, and Sally Ride was America's first woman in space.

Even Julia, a docent who orchestrates the show by playing Oz behind the curtain, told me she's working on a Ph.D. in astronomy. On any other day I would have thought only that I'd met an incredibly smart woman-not an uncommon occurrence in our town. But because I met Julia after seeing the show, I left the museum feeling lucky to have encountered not only a dedicated scholar but also a woman who is reshaping history.

Women in Astronomy continues its twomonth run at the Exhibit Museum Planetarium every Saturday and Sunday through -Charmie Gholson March 10.

\$20 (students & seniors, \$10) in advance or at the door. 913-9733. *Advanced Study Group: Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor. March 8 & 22. All invited to

join this ongoing study group to discuss Rudolf Steiner's Manifestations of Karma. Familiarity with Steiner's basic ideas required. 8-9:30 p.m. Ridgeway (1 block east of the Arb entrance on Geddes). Free. 662-6398.

★Mark Webster Reading Series: U-M English Department. March 8 & 29. Readings of original poetry and fiction by U-M creative writing instruc-tors and grad students. Today: poetry by Sara Zettervall, who says her free verse "tackles what it means to be an individual struggling to make sense of the world." Also today, Ava Pawlak reads a dark-ly comic tale about an armless and legless woman, living in a trailer park and married to a "porno junkie," who is still in love with a boy she knew in high school who won her over by tying a cherry stem in his mouth. 8 p.m., Michigan Union Kuenzel Room. Free. 764–6330.

Second Friday Advanced English Frolic. English country dancing for experienced dancers. Fast pace, with limited walk-throughs. Andreas Hayden leads to music by A Perfect Match. 8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of 1-94). \$8. (313) 937–1552.

*Lenten Vespers: First Presbyterian Church. See 1 Friday. Tonight's performers: U-M organ students and the First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir. 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662-4466.

★Symphony Band and Concert Band: U-M Music School. Michael Haithcock and Steven Davis conduct these music-student ensembles in a program that includes the world premiere of Duke University music professor Scott Lindroth's Spin Cycle. Also, works by William Alwyn, Dello Joio, Saint-Saens, Strauss, and Schumann. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0583

★"Please Recycle This Container": U-M Dance Department. March 8 & 9. U-M dance student Rachel McKinstry and performing arts student Ricki Mason perform their multimedia dance-theater piece, a blend of solos and duets exploring the relationship between ignorance and compromise. With music by U-M performing arts student Chris Peck and Phoenix Ensemble artistic director and violinist Gabriel Bolkosky. 8 p.m., U-M Media Union Film & Video Studio, 2281 Bonisteel Blvd. at Murfin, North Campus. Free. 222-1053.

★"Dance on Camera Festival": U-M Dance Department/U-M Program in Film and Video Studies. March 8 & 9 (different programs). Screenings of historical and recent videodance, a hypnotic, kinetic, often zany art form that offers an inventive, telling interplay between the eye of the beholder and the human figure within the frame of the camera. Followed by discussions led by Oberlin College dance scholar Roger Copeland. Tonight: a curated selec-tion of works shown at the Dance Films Association's annual Dance on Camera Festival. 8 p.m. U-M Natural Science Auditorium, 830 North University. Free. 647–2288, 764–5388.

"Realing!": EMU Dance Program. March 8-10. EMU's 50th annual dance concert is highlighted by the premiere of works by 2 guest artists, former Pilobolus Dance Company member Rebecca Jung and Brazilian choreographer Lourdes Bastos. Jung's Pile-e-m-u features extensive partnering and imaginative group structures, and Bastos's A Time to Love is a deeply emotional abstract modern dance set to a Samuel Barber score. Also, works by EMU dance professors Julianne O'Brien Pedersen and Sherry Jerome. Performers include EMU dance students and local guest dancers Lauren Deak and Suzanne and local guest dancers Ladien Deak and Suzante Willets Brooks. 8 p.m., Quirk Theater, Ford St., EMU campus, Ypsilanti. (Take Huron River Dr. east to Lowell St. Take Lowell to Ford St. and turn right onto Ford. The theater is on the left, with parking on the right.) Tickets \$10 (EMU students with ID, \$8) in advance and at the door. 487–1221, 487–2282.

"Gruess Gott und Prost Amerika!-ein studentisches Anti-Klischee-Program": Kabarett Rohrstock (U-M Residential College Deutsches Theater). This heralded student cabaret troupe from Rostock, Germany, presents a show that pokes satiric fun at a variety of important issues in Germany's re-cent history, from German intolerance toward foreigners to reunification and the Bohemian lifestyle. The show draws on an array of standard cabaret devices, including songs, sketches, pantomime, and more. It is performed in German, but you don't need to understand German to be able to follow the action. Proceeds donated to charity. 8 p.m., RC Auditorium, East Quad, 701 East University. \$5 donation (or 2 cans of food). 647-4378.

"Ah, Wilderness": Guthrie Theater (University Musical Society). March 8 & 9. Douglas Wager di-







Boundary Layer." Also this month: Carnegie Insti-tution seismologist Paul Silver on "Which Way Does the Mantle Wind Blow? Measuring the Mantle Flow Field Beneath Western North America" (March 15), MIT tectonic geomorphology pro-fessor Kelin Whipple on "Does Eruption Drive Up-lift? Bedrock Channels, Landscape Relief, and Critical Wedge Tectonics" (March 22), and University of Rochester earth sciences professor Bob Poreda on a topic TBA (March 29). 4–5 p.m., 1528 Little Bldg., 425 East University. Free. 647-9938.

*"C. P. Cavafy: The Power of Art and the Af-terlife of Irony": U-M Classical Studies Department Modern Greek Program. Lecture by Princeton University philosophy professor Alexander Nehamas. In conjunction with The Poet in the Library, an exhibit at the Grad Library through May 5 (see review, p. 92) of Cavafy's handwritten and printed poems. 4 p.m., 711 U-M Hatcher Graduate Library, south side of the U-M Diag. Free.

Psychic Fair: Psychic Visions Network. March 8 & 22. Area psychics offer readings using tarot, astrology, numerology, crystals, and other methods. Fees vary but are usually around \$30 for a 30-minute (or longer) session. 6 p.m.-midnight, Comfort Inn, 2455 Carpenter Rd. \$5 admission. 320-7704.

CCHA Playoffs: U-M Ice Hockey. March 8, 9, & (if necessary) 10. The U-M team opens its quest for the CCHA championship with a best-of-three series against an opponent TBA. 7 p.m., Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State at McKinley. \$2-\$17.764-0247.

*'Idealized Self-Image': Great Lakes Pathwork.
All invited to read and discuss this lecture on the spiritual and psychological discipline known as the Pathwork, as channeled by the late Eva Pierrakos. Printed lectures available at the meeting. 7 p.m., call for logging. From 663, \$952 for location. Free. 663-5853.

*Jennifer Erb: Liberty Borders. Local folk- and blues-influenced singer-songwriter. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 677–6948.

★"Bearing Witness: Storytelling, Performance, and Social Change": U-M School of Art and Design. Actor-activist Michael Keck performs his oneman multimedia play examining the lives of African American prisoners, their families, and communities. Also, Keck discusses his work. Q&A. In conjunction with the Art by Michigan Prisoners exhibit (see 5 Tuesday and Galleries). 7 p.m., Chrysler Building Cheseborough Auditorium, 2121 Bonisteel, North Campus. Free. 627-7673.

★"Faith": U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 7 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

"The Seven Year Itch": Chelsea Area Players. See 7 Thursday. 7 p.m.

★Professional Volunteer Corps. All singles 25 and older invited to help plan social outings and determine which local service projects to support with volunteer work. Preceded at 7 p.m. by socializing and newcomer orientation. 7:30 p.m., NEW Center, 1100 N. Main. Free. 747-6801.

★Older Lesbians Organizing. All lesbians invited to discuss "Modern History (The Middle East)." 7:30 p.m., Common Language Bookstore, 215 S. Fourth Ave. Free. 482-2996.

*"Porter": Ann Arbor Brewers' Guild. All invited to join an informal tasting and discuss homebrewing techniques for this deep brown, bitter beer. Bring 1-2 bottles per batch of your own, or of an interesting commercial version. 7:30 p.m., location TBA. Free to first-timers (\$15 annual dues). 665-

Empatheater. Artistic director Sara Schreiber leads this local improv theater group in its 8th season. Empatheater invites audience members to anonymously write down their concerns and life situations, which become a springboard for the actors' improvisations Theatergoers watch their stories come alive. This month's topic: "Censored!" 7:30 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets \$15 &

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"The Magic Flute": Comic Opera Guild. See 7

"Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. See 7 Thurs-

Derek Richards: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 7 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

*"Zwerdling Scholar-in-Residence Weekend": Beth Israel Congregation. March 8 & 9. Talks by Dartmouth Jewish studies professor Susannah Heschel. Today: "Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: The Legacy of Abraham Joshua Heschel." March 9: "Jewish Self-Understanding in the Eyes of Jewish Historians" (1:15 p.m.) and "Jesus the Aryan: The Theology of Nazi Germany" (7:30 p.m.). 8:15 p.m., Beth Israel, 2000 Washtenaw. Free. 665–9897.

North Mississippi Allstars: Clear Channel Entertainment. Hard-driving, groove-oriented Mississippi hill-country-style boogie-blues-one critic calls it "modal Mississippi juke-joint music"—by this wide-ly heralded young trio led by singer-guitarist Luther Dickinson and drummer Cody Dickinson, the sons of the legendary Memphis producer and keyboardist Jim Dickinson. The band's repertoire includes blues classics by the likes of Mississippi Fred McDowell Junior Kimbrough, and R. L. Burnside, along with several powerful originals. "Imagine R. L. Burnside crossed with ZZ Top crossed with the early Yard-birds crossed with four or five of your favorite garage bands from 1966 and give them all high SAT scores," says the Atlantic Monthly in its review of the band's recently released 2nd CD, *Phantom 51*. "The album has guitar tone for miles, guitar tone that large pharmaceutical companies should bottle and overcharge for, because it cures all that ails your internal organs." 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets \$15 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

M-Flicks. "The Sting" (George Hill, 1973). When two small-time con men stumble into serious crime, it's all they can do to stay a step ahead. Paul Newman, Robert Redford. FREE. 763-1107. 1200 Modern Languages Building, 8 p.m. Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA. U-M Center for Chinese Studies. "Sounds of Love and Sorrow" (Hu Tai-li, 2000). Documentary about the life and culture of the Taiwan aboriginal people who live in the mountains of southern Taiwan. Mandarin & Taiwanese, subtitles. No children under 12 admitted. FREE. 764-6308. Angell Hall Auditorium A, 8 p.m.

9 SATURDAY

*Restoration Work Day: U-M Nichols Arbore-tum. All invited to join Arb director Bob Grese and Arb staff members for the removal of invasive plants and the preparation of new planting sites. Dress for outdoor work. Snacks and tools provided; bring lop-Reader Center, 1610 Washington Hts. Free. 998-

*"Second Saturday Bird Walk": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. WC-PARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike to find out what the birds are up to. Bring binoculars and a field guide, if you like. 9 a.m., Independence Lake, 3200 Jennings, Webster Twp. Free. (\$3 per vehicle park entrance fee). 971–6337.

*Materials Recovery Facility Monthly Open House: Ann Arbor Solid Waste Department. March 9 & 12. Guided tours of the city's recycling

and trash disposal center. This month's special activities include a chance to make a sheet of recycled paper to take home and a display and discussion of alternative, "tree-free" papers. 10 a.m.-noon (Mar. 9) & 3-5 p.m. (Mar. 12), Materials Recovery Facility, 4120 Platt Rd. Free. 994-2807

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"Dinosaurs and Other Friends: Paleo Puzzles": U-M Exhibit Museum/Ann Arbor District Library. See 2 Saturday. 10-11 a.m., AADL Loving Branch, 3042 Creek Dr. (off Packard just east of Platt). Free. Preregistration required. 994-2342

16th Annual Country Craft Fair: Chelsea Senior Citizens. Show and sale of over 100 artisans' works including mosaics, woodcrafts, clothing, ceramics, glassworks, jewelry, knitted and crocheted items. foods, soaps, and more. Also, antiques. Modestly priced soup and sandwich lunch available. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Chelsea High School, 500 E. Washington. Chelsea. Admission \$2. 475-9242.

*"How to Survive Spiritually in Our Times": Eckankar of Ann Arbor. Talks, panel discussions and other activities exploring such topics as setting goals, interconnectedness, principles of noninterference, and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 994-

*American Girl Club: Barnes & Noble. All girls ages 7-12 invited to delve into the world of the American Girl collection of historical dolls. This month's discussion story: Meet Kit, a tale about young girl in 1934 whose family is feeling the pinch of the Depression. 10:30 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. Preregistration required

"Worms Will Eat Your Garbage!": Project **Grow.** Project Grow members explain how to use worms to compost your food scraps. Participants take home a worm box and starter family of the right kind of worms. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Leslie Science Center children's garden, 1831 Traver Rd. \$7 (family, \$12). 996-3169.\

*Radio-Controlled Car Racing: Rider's/Hobby-Town USA. All invited to bring their radio-controlled car (or rent one for \$25) for indoor races in a variety of classes, including stock, mod, rally cars, off-road, buggies/trucks, and 2- and 4-wheel drive. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free to spectators; racers pay \$12 for first race, \$8 per additional race.

"Be a Nurse": Hands-On Museum. Kids invited to try out fun activities to learn about nursing. Noonm., (Mar. 9 & 16) & 1-5 p.m. (Mar. 10 & 17), Hands-On Museum, 219 E. Huron. \$7 (students & seniors, \$5) regular museum admission. 995–5439.

"7th Annual Fur Bowl": Humane Society of **Huron Valley.** All invited to bowl 3 games to help raise money to support the Humane Society's cruelty prevention programs. Bowlers of all levels welcome business, family, school, and other teams encour-aged. Prizes for bowlers who raise the most money in donations. 1-4 p.m., Colonial Lanes, 1950 South Industrial. \$20 minimum donation includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, and pop. Preregistration required. 662–5585, ext. 103.

*"Sap to Syrup: Doing It Yourself": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. WC-PARC naturalist Faye Stoner discusses and demonstrates the steps of maple sugaring for those who'd like to try it at home, including tree ID, tapping, and sap harvesting and boiling. 1 p.m., County Farm Park, Platt Rd. entrance. Free. Preregistration required. 971-6337.

*44th Annual Southeast Michigan Science Fair. southeast Michigan exhibit science projects. The public is invited to browse through displays in the junior (models, collections, and experiments) and se nior (biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, math, earth sciences, and social sciences) divisions. Preceded by an awards ceremony (time TBA). The top 2 winners go to this year's May Intel International Science Fair in Louisville. 1-5 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 973–3630.

★Maisy: Barnes & Noble. Lucy Cousins's lovable mouse visits to share some of her stories. Parents welcome to bring their cameras. 2 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

"Tunes, Tales, and Troubadours": Ann Arbor District Library. Part of a series of family-oriented storytelling programs for listeners 1st grade through adult. Stories in this popular series are told rather than read, and music is an integral part of each program. Children under age 6 not admitted. Today storyteller Badria Jazairi. The program is signed for the hearing-impaired. 2-2:45 p.m., AADL youth department story room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-8301.

*Dinosaur Tours: U-M Exhibit Museum. March 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, & 24. 30-minute docent-led tour of the museum's dinosaur exhibits. 2 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, North University at Geddes Ave. Free, but limited to the first 15 people to sign up for each tour. 764-0478.

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*Faculty Recital: U-M Music School. Bass professor Diana Gannett and harp professor Lynne Aspnes perform works by Vladimir Scolnic, Saint-Saens, Vaughan Williams, and Stravinsky. 3 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–0583.

U-M Women's Gymnastics vs. Denver and Washington. 4 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, S. State at Hoover. \$3 (youths age 12 & under, \$1; U-M students, free). 763–2159.

*"Spring Cultural Fest": Chinese American Society of Ann Arbor. A panoply of Chinese culture, including dance performances, lantern shows, cultural displays, movies, games for kids, regional foods, and dancing. Food available. Proceeds benefit the Heat and Warmth Fund, which helps low-income Michigan residents pay utility bills. 5–10 p.m., U-M Dow Bldg., 2300 Hayward (off Murfin), North Campus. Free. 669–9478, 761–6928.

*Open House: University Lowbrow Astronomers. March 9 & 16. A chance to join local astronomy buffs for a look at the sky through instruments at the Peach Mountain Observatory. The observatory's huge, 24-inch McMath telescope is operational, but participants are nevertheless encouraged to bring their own telescopes. Visitors must turn off all electronic equipment (car radios, transmitters, phones, etc.) at the observatory entrance. Program canceled if sky is overcast at sunset. 6:30 p.m.—12:30 a.m. (as long as the sky remains clear), Peach Mountain Observatory, North Territorial Rd. (about 1 1/4 miles west of Hudson Mills Metropark), Dexter. Free. 480–4514.

*Boychoir of Ann Arbor. Boychoir founder Tom Strode directs this accomplished local ensemble in its 16th-anniversary concert, a program of rarely heard major works by preeminent church music composers, including Samuel Sebastian Wesley, Hubert Parry, Charles Stanford, Warren Martin, and Benjamin Britten. The 35 boy singers are supplemented by several professional men singers, who provide the lower choral parts, and the choir is accompanied by National Shrine of the Little Flower (Royal Oak) organist Charles Kennedy. 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 300 E. Grand River, Brighton. Free; donations accepted. 663–5377.

"The Seven Year Itch": Chelsea Area Players. See 7 Thursday. 7 p.m.

*"Faith": U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 7 Thursday. 7 p.m.

Ricky Skaggs: The Ark. Though still a relatively youthful 47, Skaggs is widely recognized as a crucial figure in keeping alive a popular awareness of and appetite for traditional country music. A member of Ralph Stanley's bluegrass band at age 15, Skaggs also served apprenticeships with the Country Gentlemen, J. D. Crowe, and Emmylou Harris before setting out on his own in 1981 with Waiting for the Sun to Shine, an LP that produced two number-1 country hits. A virtuoso on guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and banjo, Skaggs possesses a classic high, hairy tenor that lends even songs on contemporary themes a traditional resonance and depth of feeling. He has lately returned to his bluegrass roots, releasing Bluegrass Association's 1998 Album of the Year, and the recent Ancient Tones, which is highlighted by a version of the traditional "Little Bessie" that follows a hair-raising a cappella introduction with instrumentation that includes bodhran and harp. He performs tonight with his band, Kentucky Thunder. 7 & 9 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$25 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.

Vernal Pool and Aaron Klein: Kerrytown Concert House. Vernal Pool is a Chicago band that mixes elements of jazz, folk, bluegrass, Latin, and the occasional Middle Eastern melody. Opening act is vocalist Klein, who reports that he "performs songs for lonesome clerks and scarecrows." He's accompanied by Delta 88 guitarist Alex Anest, bassist Ben Luttermoser, and vocalist Kelly Corson. 7:30 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$12 (students, \$9). Reservations suggested. 769–2999.

Ballroom Dancing Night: Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Department. Ballroom dancing to recorded music from the 40s through the 80s. Preceded at 7 p.m. by an introduction to basic dance steps and ballroom dancing styles by Sue Baries, Washtenaw County's best-known ballroom dance instructor. All invited, singles as well as couples. Refreshments. 8–10:30 p.m., Pittsfield Twp. Recreation Hall. S. State at Ellsworth. \$4, 996–3056.

Second Saturday Contra Dance. Don Theyken calls to music by the Sharon Hollow String Band. No partner needed. Beginners welcome. 8–11 p.m., Webster Community Hall, across from Webster Church on Webster Church Rd. (1 mile south of North Territorial), Dexter. \$7.996-8359.

Folk Dance Party: The Ethnic Connection. Balkan and Israeli line dances (no partner needed), with live music by the Ethnic Connection, a popular local ethnic music ensemble, and by Veselba, the trio of local folk musicians Nan Nelson, Chris Rietz, and Bruce Sagan. 8 p.m., The Barn at Gretchen's Place, 2625 Traver Rd. \$6 (nondancers, \$4). 662–5253.

★"Horn and Harp Odyssey": U-M Music School. Concert by U-M horn professor Soren Hermansson and Toronto harpist Erica Goodman. 8 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–0583.

"Medicine for Today": Lux Mundi. Puppet show followed by a screening (8:30 p.m.) of short experimental films, by this artists' collective. 8 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross, Ypsilanti. \$5 suggested donation. 485–3454.

"When David Heard: Renaissance Elegies": Vox. See review, p. 56. Charles Wolverton directs this local early-music chorus, an ensemble of professional singers from southeastern Michigan and Colorado, which concludes its season with a program of Renaissance music lamenting the dead that's highlighted by the best known Renaissance requiem, Spanish composer Tomas Luis de Victoria's 6-part Missa pro Defunctis. Two pieces on the program by English composers are based on laments of David, Thomas Tomkins's "What David Heard" and "When David's life by Saul was often sought" from Dowland's Thou Mighty God. The program also includes 3 laments for dead composers, Johannes Ockeghem's "Mort, tu as navré," Josquin Desprez's "Nymphes des bois," and William Boyd's "Ye Sacred Muses." The chorus is accompanied by an ensemble of guest instrumentalists that includes lutenists Gregory Hamilton and Ulrike Goldstein and viola da gambist Erica Pierson. 8 p.m., St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 517 Elizabeth. Donation. 944–0243.

"Merry Pranks": Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. AASO music director Arie Lipsky conducts the orchestra in a concert of works highlighted by Michigan Radio star Todd Mundt's humorous narration of Britten's famous Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, 13 variations illustrating the range of musical "flavors" an orchestra can conjure up. Also, Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks, Strauss's whoop-it-up tone-poem portrait of the ill-fated legendary German mischief maker, and Haydn's jarring Symphony no. 94. Guest soloist is Benny Kim, a University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music violin professor. Preceded by a concert talk (7 p.m.). Related event: a chance on March 6 to have "Lunch with Arie" (\$20 in advance only) at noon at the Barton Hills Country Club and enjoy Lipsky's anecdotes and musical expertise. 8 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$18, \$26, & \$32 (seniors, \$16-\$30; college students, \$14-\$28; children 12 & under, \$10-\$24) in advance at the AASO office, 527 E. Liberty, Suite 208. Half-price rush tickets for students with 1D at the door only. 994-4801.

Lotus: Canterbury House. Experimental jazz fusion by trumpeter Jake Woorly-Hood, bassist James Ilgenfritz, and saxophonist Dan Bennett, a local trio that "veers suddenly from angular bass lines with frenetic saxophone improvisation into delicate power-ballad areas." Proceeds benefit the Ann Arbor Hunger Coalition. 8 p.m., Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron. \$5 donation (students, \$3). 764–3162.

"Realing!": EMU Dance Program. See 8 Friday. 2 p.m.

★"Please Recycle This Container": U-M Dance Department. See 8 Friday. 8 p.m.

★"Dance on Camera Festival": U-M Dance Department. See 8 Friday. Tonight: a curated selection of works from the 30th Annual Dance on Camera Festival 2002, held recently in New York City. 8 p.m.

"The Magic Flute": Comic Opera Guild. See 7 Thursday. 2 & 8 p.m.

"Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Friday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Ah, Wilderness": Guthrie Theater (University Musical Society). See 8 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. See 7 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Derek Richards: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 7 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

Second Saturday Swing Dance: Grand Traditions Vintage Dance Academy. Dance to recorded jump blues, swing, and big band. All welcome; no partner necessary. Preceded at 7:30 p.m. by lessons (\$5). 8:30–11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-

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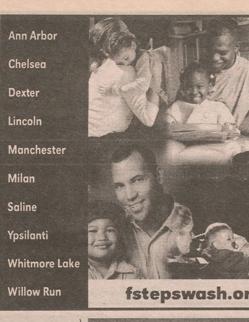
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9 SATURDAY EVENTS continued

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Amistad Community Church. "Amistad" (Steven Spielberg, 1997). Gripping film of an 1839 slave uprising. Morgan Freeman, Djimon Hounsou. FREE. 677–2473. Amistad Community Church, 2730 Carpenter Rd. 2 p.m. Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA.

10 SUNDAY

*Book Club: Ann Arbor Jewish Cultural Society. All invited to discuss Gates of November, Chaim Potok's wrenching family chronicle. 10 a.m.-noon, Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard).

"Shamrocks and Shenanigans 5K": Tortoise and Hare Running Center/Conor O'Neill's. 2-lap 5 km race that starts and finishes in front of Conor O'Neill's on Main Street. Also, a 200 m dash for kids. Running shoes awarded to male and female winners in each age division. Proceeds to benefit Mott Children's Hospital. In conjunction with Conor O'Neill's "Shamrocks and Shenanigans Family Day Irish Festival" (see listing below). 10:30 & 11 a.m. heats (5 km race) and noon (kids dash), Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. \$20 in advance, \$25 day of race. Kids race: \$10 in advance, \$12 day of race. 769–9510, 665–2968.

*"Shamrocks and Shenanigans Family Day Irish Festival": Conor O'Neill's. This outdoor festival (in a heated tent) includes live music by Bruadar (1-3 p.m.), an Irish band that plays traditional Irish music, and Mogue Doyle (5-10 p.m.), a local band that plays Irish rock. Also, bagpipers, Irish step dancers, and other entertainment. Face painting for kids. Food and beverages for sale. Inside the pub, there is live music by Mossy Moran (noon-4 p.m.), a traditional singer from Ireland, and Bruadar (5 p.m.-midnight). This festival kicks off a festive week that concludes with a "St. Patrick's Day Irish Festival" (see 17 Sunday). 11 a.m.-midnight, parking lot behind Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. Free.

- *"Israel Under the Lens": U-M Hillel. Local and visiting scholars give talks on Arab- and American-Israeli relations, terrorism, and Israeli culture, at this day-long conference. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Michigan League. Free. 769-2500.
- ★"Potting and Mounting Orchids": Ann Arbor Orchid Society. Club members demonstrate basic orchid care. All invited. 1:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens auditorium, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free 930-1543
- "The Seven Year Itch": Chelsea Area Players. See 7 Thursday. 1:30 p.m.
- "Spiders and Their Kin": Waterloo Natural History Association. Entertaining, informative talk, with live specimens, by EMU biology professor Cara Shillington. 2 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center lower parking lot, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take 1-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) \$2 (family, \$5; WNHA members, free). Preregistration required. \$4 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit (\$20) you already have a state motor vehicle permit (\$20
- ★"Finding, Financing, and Closing on a Home": Nicola's Books. Talks on house-buying tactics by RE/MAX realty agent Mary Gilbert, attorney Ron Fletcher, and Bank of Ann Arbor senior mortgage loan officer Kim Clugston. 2–3:30 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662-4110.
- Kids Open Mike: Oz's Music. Kids of all ages and all musical abilities are invited to play, sing, or just observe. Note new location. 2 p.m., Arborland Borders. 25¢ minimum donation. Reservations required.
- ★Friends of Four-Hand Piano. Pianists of all abilities invited to bring their music for a casual afternoon of performing duets. An opportunity to meet other pianists and find partners for 4-hand and 2-piano music. Listeners welcome. 2 p.m., location TBA. Free. 663-3942, 769-2105.
- *Shape Note Singing: The Ark/Ann Arbor Sacred Harp. All invited to join an afternoon of shape note, or sacred harp, singing, a form of communal hymn singing that has its roots in colonial America. Songbooks available, but singers are encouraged to bring their own. 2-5 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 747-9644, 761-1451.
- "Realing!": EMU Dance Program. See 8 Friday. 2

- "Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Friday. 2 p.m.
- "Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. See 7 Thursday. 2 & 8 p.m.
- *Kara Walker: U-M Museum of Art. This controversial African American artist discusses Abbrevi-ated Emancipation, the UMMA-commissioned exhibit (see Galleries) of her life-size black-paper cutout silhouette figures whose exaggerated features and violent or sexually explicit poses explore racial stereotypes and antebellum plantation mythology. 3 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764-0395.

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"Cycles of Saturn" and "Solstice Points": Astrology Study Group of Washtenaw County. Talks by local astrologer Richard Smoot. 3–5 p.m., location

Joan Nathan: Temple Beth Emeth. This host of the PBS cooking show Jewish Cooking in America discusses the history of Sephardic cuisine. Followed by reception and book signing. 3 p.m., Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard. Tickets \$20 in advance and at the door. 665-4744.

*Concert: Ann Arbor Concert Band. Lloyd Whitehead conducts this community ensemble in Mendelssohn's Concert Piece No. 2, which features solos by clarinetists Mac Danforth and Karla Linkner. Also, Robert Lowden's arrangement of "Armed Forces Salute," Vasilij Agapkin's "A Slavic Farewell," John Barnes Chance's "Incantation and Dance," Frank Ticheli's "Sun Dance," Eric Whitacre's "October," and more. Refreshments. 3 p.m., Huron High School Meyers Auditorium, 2727 Fuller. Free. 663-4451.

*Choir Concert: Concordia University. Robert McCormick leads the choir, Concordia's Arborsong ensemble, and the Concordia Brass Quintet in a program TBA. 3:30 p.m., Concordia Chapel of the Holy Trinity, 4090 Geddes Rd. at Earhart. Free. 995-

★'Zine Exchange Recycling Operation (ZERO). All invited to meet local fanzine writers, check out their 'zines, trade 'zines, or just chat. Fanzines are short homemade magazines, usually photocopied. addressing a wide range of topics, from music and movies to politics, hip-hop culture, skateboarding, and more. Also, journal-like "per-zines," detailing a writer's personal life. "Build an alternative, noncommercial media distribution network," an organizer urges. "Learning to share is the first step of the revolution!" 4 p.m., Cafe Zola, 112 W. Washington. Free. 302-0266.

"The Holocaust and Jewish Life in Iran": U-M Hillel 23rd Conference on the Holocaust. Opening reception for this exhibit (see Galleries) of paintings and prints by Iranian artist Shokrollah Manzoor, who also gives a gallery talk (5 p.m.). Note: Other Holocaust conference events occur March 11–15. 18, and 19 (see listings). 4–6 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. Free. 769–0500.

*"Child's Play X": Friends of Chamber Music in Pease. EMU music faculty pianists Anne Beth Gajda and Garik Pedersen present their popular annual family-oriented concert. The program of "gypsy music" includes 2- and 4-hand piano music by Brahms. Dohnanyi, Liszt, and Dvorak. 4 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.

Leone Buyse and Matthew Ardizzone: Kerrytown Concert House. Rice University flute professor Buyse and award-winning local guitarist Ardizzone. who is also a Bowling Green State University guitar professor, join forces to perform Robert Beaser's bit-tersweet, mournful suite Mountain Songs and Joan Tower's Snow Dreams, a musical evocation of the various kinds of snow. Also, Shirish Korde's Tenderness of Cranes for solo flute, mazurkas for solo guitar, and more. 4 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$12 (students, \$9). Reservations suggested. 769-2999.

*"Booked for Murder": Nicola's Books. All invited to discuss two murder mysteries with connections to Alaska, Danu Stabenow's *Breakup* and Sue Henry's *Death Takes Passage*. 5–6 p.m., Nicola's. Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 769-2149.

★Queer Fiction Book Club. All invited to discuss The Evening Crowd at Kirmser's: A Gay Life in the 1940s, Allan Spear's memoir of postwar gay culture centered on an underground gay bar in St. Paul. 4:30-6 p.m., WRAP office, 325 Braun Ct. Free. 663-0036.

40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. March 10-17. The oldest and one of the most prestigious 16 mm festivals in North America kicks off tonight with an opening gala that features a talk (7:30 p.m.) by John Nelson, Oscar-winning special effects de signer for Gladiator. Followed by a tribute (8:30 p.m.) to festival director Vicki Honeyman and Roamin', a Holiday: A View from a Broad, a perfor-

mance by performance artist Pat Oleszko, whose offbeat shows were part of the film festival in its 1960s infancy. The core of the festival is a competition featuring a week's worth (see March 11-15 Films listings) of the newest experimental and inde pendent 16 mm films, in a wide range of genres and of generally high quality-past contributors have included Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, and Brian De Palma. Winning films are screened again on March 17, and awarded a total of \$18,000. This year's judges are Oleszko and 2 veteran independent filmmakers, Jay Rosenblatt from San Francisco and Chel White from Portland. Also, nightly noncompefition sidebar show screenings (March 11-17), free afternoon screenings or performances of works by festival judges (March 13–15), additional free afternoon film-related events (March 12-17), sneak pre views of new films by renegade filmmaker Michael Moore (March 12) and Meg Lafavre (March 17), and another performance by Pat Oleszko (March 16). 16), 6:30 p.m., Michigan Theater, Gala tickets: \$25 (students, \$15), Festival tickets: \$50 for the entire festival in advance at Vicki's Wash & Wear Haircuts; \$7 per show (2 shows, \$12; 3 shows, \$15) at the door, 995-5356.

*Donald Babcock: EMU Music Department. This EMU trombone professor performs works by contemporary American composers Eric Ewazen and Donald Appert, and others. 7 p.m., Pease Auditorium. EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti, Free. 487–2255.

Israeli Dancing: U-M Hillel. March 10 & 17. Tom Starks offers 30 minutes of instruction for beginners, followed by open dancing. 7:30–9:30 p.m., Hillel, 1429 Hill. \$3, 973–6324.

*Jazz Improvisation Ensemble: U-M Music School. A culminating concert of the September-March U-M Michigan Youth Ensembles program features jazz by high school students from around the state. 8 p.m., Music School Rehearsal Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0583.

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11 MONDAY

*Brown Bag Lectures: U-M Population Studies Center. March 11 & 25. Bring lunch. Today: U-M Institute for Social Research researcher Daniel Kruger and U-M psychiatry professor Randolph Nesse on "Why Males Are the Frail Sex: Evolutionary Perspectives on Cohort and Cultural Variations in the Sexual Mortality Ratio." Also this month: U-M sociology professor emeritus Ronald Freedman on "Origin of National and International Surveys on Family Planning at Michigan" (March 25). Noon. PSC conference room, 311 Maynard. Free. 998–7275.

*Ann Arbor Senior Computer Club: University Living Community, All seniors 60 and older invited to share computer tips and techniques with each other. 1:30–3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin, Free, Preregistration required, 669–3030.

*"Boundaries and Social Movements: Islamist Political Organizations in Tajikistan and Their Influence on Regional Politics and Policies": U-M Center for Russian and East European Studies. U-M medieval Islamic history professor Michael Bonner moderates a panel discussion with scholars from around the country. 3–5 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University, Free, 764–0351.

*"Making the Case for Sociobehavioral Science During the Era of Molecular Biology": U-M School of Public Health. Talk by Harvard health and social behavior professor Norman Anderson. 3-4 p.m., SPH auditorium, 109 S: Observatory. Free, 764-5425.

*"Drugs, Neuroplasty, and Addiction": U-M College of Literature, Science, & the Arts. Lecture by Terry Robinson, in conjunction with his appointment as U-M Elliot S. Valenstein collegiate professor of behavioral neuroscience. Reception follows. 4:30 p.m., Michigan League Hussey Room. Free. 994-521.

*Feldenkrais Method. March 11, 18, & 25. Local Feldenkrais practitioner Katherine Rogers introduces this movement reeducation method that makes people aware of how they can move more easily. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. 6:30–7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free to first-time visitors 971–5285

*The Barony of Cynnabar: Every Monday except March 4. All invited to join this local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism to work on re-creating different aspects of medieval culture, combat, dancing, singing, clothing, and many other crafts

and arts. 7 p.m., 1311 EECS, 1301 Beal, North Campus. Free. Information at www.cynnabar.org.

*"The Collapse of the Civil War POW Cartel: What Happened?": Ann Arbor Area Civil War Round Table. Talk by club member Jim Epperson. Also, raffle of Civil War-related items. Refreshments. 7 p.m., St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Ellion Dr. (off Huron River Dr.). Free.

★Kate Dillon: U-M Center for the Education of Women. Talk by this former teen model, who overcame anorexia to succeed in a new career as a model for full-figured fashions. 7–9 p.m., Michigan Union Ballroom. Free. 998–7080.

★ Michigan Youth Ensembles: U-M Music School. U-M music faculty lead high school students from around the state in a women's choral group, chamber ensemble, band, and orchestra. 7 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764–0583.

★"Hidden Histories": Amistad Community Church. A program of short talks by church members on noted African Americans. 7 p.m., ACC, 2730 Carpenter Rd. Free. 677–2473.

★Medieval History Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers. All invited to join a discussion of *The Reformation in the 16th Century*, Roland Bainton's classic study of the rise of Protestantism. Refreshments. 7:30–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 111 E. Ann. Free. 669–0451.

*"After Constantine's Sword: The Future of Jewish-Christian Relations": U-M Hillel 23rd Annual Conference on the Holocaust. Talk by James Carroll, author of Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews. 7:30 p.m., U-M MLB auditorium 3, 812 E. Washington. Free. 769-0500.

*"Get Involved in Your Health": Gateway Chiropractic. March 11 & 25. Talks by local chiropractor Diane Babalas. Today: "All in Its Wisdom: The Inborn Intelligence on the Body is Constantly Balancing Between Our Growth and Our Protection." Also this month: "It's All in How You Look at It: A New Perspective of the Body, Symptoms, and Health" (March 25). 8 p.m., 1210 N. Maple Rd. at Miller. Free, but reservations requested.

Scandinavian Couples Dancing: Multicultural Folk Arts Center. March 11 & 25. Traditional turning couples dances, mainly from Sweden and Norway, including hambo, schottis, Boda polska, and Telespringar. With live music by Rumpetroll, a local band led by fiddler Bruce Sagan. All dances taught by Suzanne Schluederberg and John Lesko. No partner necessary. Hard-soled shoes strongly recommended. All invited. 8–10:30 p.m., Gretchen's House Learning Center gym, 2340 Oak Valley Dr. \$5.994–9307.

★"Hard Times Blues: How Politics Built a Prison Nation": Shaman Drum Bookshop. Journalist Sasha Abramsky reads from and discusses her recently published study, a carefully rendered, emotionally charged portrait of America's embrace of maximum imprisonment and punitive justice over the past 2 decades. Signing, refreshments. 8 p.m., Shaman Drum, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.

★ Composers' Forum Concert: U-M Music School. U-M music students perform fellow music students' new compositions. 8 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764–0594.

★Duo Horn Recital: EMU Music Department. Stratford Festival and Tafelmusik horn player Derek Conrad joins EMU horn professor Willard Zirk for a concert of solo and duo performances. Program: Handel's Concerto for 2 Horns, Gounod's Melodies for Horn, and Christoph Forster's Concerto in E-flat. Piano accompanist is Zhihua Tang. 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.

*Pinmonkey: The Ark. Highly regarded young altcountry quartet from Nashville, led by the Appalachian-style tenor of songwriter Michael Reynolds, whose repertoire includes both originals and an eclectic mix of covers by everyone from the Carter Family to Dolly Parton to the Staples Singers. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 761–1800.

FILMS

40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. See 10 Sunday Events listing. Competition screening. Mich., 7 & 9 p.m. Sidebar Show. "Moving Pictures" (Richard Myers, 1989). Unsettling non-narrative experimental film about a netherworld of people, landscapes, and wooden horses. Mich., 8 p.m. "8 1/2 x 11" (James Benning, 1974). Experimental pastiche of vividly colored rural midwestern scenes. Mich., 10

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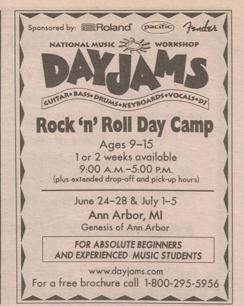
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12 TUESDAY

Second Tuesday Lecture Series: U-M Turner Geriatric Services "Learning in Retirement Program." Third in a series of 5 monthly lectures by different speakers. Open to anyone age 55 or older. Today: retired U-M history professor Thomas Collier discusses "Do Wars Matter? An Alternative History of the 20th Century." 10 a.m., Kellogg Eye Center auditorium, 1000 Wall St. \$30 (LIR members, \$25) for the 6-lecture series. 764–2556.

★"Eating Disorders: Signs, Symptoms, and Support": U-M Center for the Education of Women. Talks by WUOM broadcaster Michelle Bolek, clinical psychologist Victoria Hays, U-M health educator Alison Brzenchek, and U-M pediatrics and communicable diseases professor David Rosen. Bring a lunch. Noon–1:30 p.m., CEW, 330 E. Liberty. Free. 998–7080.

★"Bitter Legacy: The Holocaust in the USSR and Its Contemporary Consequences": U-M Hillel 23rd Conference on the Holocaust. Talk by U-M Judaic studies professor Zvi Gitelman. Bring a lunch. Noon, 3050 Frieze Bldg., 105 S. State. Free. 769,0500

★"Infidelity: A Love Story": Ann Arbor District Library "Booked for Lunch." Renowned local marriage and family therapist Ann Pearlman, author of a monthly column for Ann Arbor Parent, discusses her critically acclaimed fictionalized autobiography, a vivid account of the effects of men's affairs on their wives and children. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea provided. Taped for repeat broadcasts on cable channel 17. 12:10-1 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-4560.

★"Aging in 19th-Century America: The Elderly Before the Age of Entitlement": U-M Detroit Observatory Lecture Series. Talk by University of Houston history professor W. Andrew Achenbaum. 3 p.m., U-M Detroit Observatory meeting room, 1398 E. Ann St. at Observatory St. Free. 763–2230.

★"Ultrahigh-Intensity Lasers: A Revolutionary Tool in Engineering, Physics, and Medicine": U-M Annual Henry Russel Lecture. Lecture by U-M electrical engineering and computer science professor Gerard Morou, an expert in ultrafast optics research who holds 20 patents. Reception follows. 4 p.m., Michigan League location TBA. Free. 647–7906.

Noncompetition Films: 40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. Funny, folksy, strident Flint filmmaker Michael Moore appears at this year's festival (see 10 Sunday) to screen clips from his new, as yet unnamed film about gun control. Moore's best known for Roger and Me, which examined the disastrous economic impact on Flint of the closure of a GM plant. Also, Moore signs copies of his new book, Stupid White Guys. Preceded at 1 p.m. by a free film jam, in which filmmakers screen and chat about films and videos not included in the festival program. 5 p.m., Michigan Theater. \$7.995-5356.

★"Finishing Touches": Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild. Local fiber artists are invited to bring in projects they've had trouble finishing and trade tips. Refreshments. All invited. 6:45 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty. Free. 662–2284.

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 2 Saturday. Today: Team USA Under-17 vs. Compuware (Plymouth) of the North American Hockey League. 7 p.m.

*Working Writers Group. March 12 & 26. Unpublished writers invited to bring their work for an informal group critique. All invited. 7-9 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. For information, call 481-1752

★Fantasy and Science Fiction/Theory Reading Group: U-M English Department. All invited to discuss Darker Than You Think, Jack Williamson's classic horror fantasy about a small-town reporter sucked into a maelstrom of intrigue and murder. Refreshments. 7-9 p.m., 3184 Angell Hall. Free. esrabkin@umich.edu.

★"Iranian Jewry": Jewish Community Center. Talk by Israeli painter Shokrollah Manzoor (see 10 Sunday). 7 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971–0990.

★"Washtenaw County Health Improvement Plan": Ann Arbor Area League of Women Voters. County Health Improvement Network Team cochairs Michele Baukema and Melina Williams present a health profile of county residents and outline the collaborative effort by various area health-related organizations to improve residents' health. Refreshments. 7–9 p.m., Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free. 665–5808.

★"Approach Attention Deficit Disorder Naturally": People's Food Co-op. Talk by local naturopathic physician Michele Loewe. 7–8:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free Preregistration required. 994–4589.

*"Forgiveness": St. Francis of Assisi Altar Society. Talk by Sister Patricia McDonald. All invited 7:30 p.m.-noon, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church parish activities center, 2250 E. Stadium-Free, 821-2125.

*Sierra Club Book Club: Nicola's Books. All invited to discuss Beyond Growth: The Economics of Sustainable Development, former World Bank senior economist Herman Daly's radical rethinking of sustainable development. 7:30 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 332–0207.

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★Organ Recital: EMU Music Department. Performances by EMU organ students and alumni-Also, performances on EMU's new Keith Hill double French harpsichord. 7:30 p.m., EMU Alexander Bldg. Organ Recital Hall, Lowell at E. Circle Dr., Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.

"Choral Cavalcade East": Ann Arbor Public Schools. Student choirs from Clague and Scarlett middle schools and Huron High perform a wide variety of choral works. Proceeds go to middle and high school choirs. 7:30 p.m., Huron High School Meyers Auditorium, 2727 Fuller Rd. \$5 (students. \$3; families, \$10) at the door only, 994–2096.

Na Dorsa: The Ark. Traditional Irish music by this acclaimed band from the north of Ireland that is making its debut American tour. 8 p.m., The Ark. 316 S. Main. Tickets \$13.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"Tuesday Tickler": The Heidelberg Club Above-See 5 Tuesday. 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m.

Pinback: Clear Channel Entertainment. Complex, cerebral, enchanting indie rock by this San Diego-based band whose music blends seductive melodies, deftly articulated guitar lines, and sparring vocal harmonies that are alternately sweet and straining. Opening act is Canyon, a lushly orchestrated country-rock band from Washington, D.C. 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. Ashley. Tickets \$8 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, \$10 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

FILMS

40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. See 10 Sunday Events listing. Competition screening. Mich., 7 & 9 p.m. Sidebar Show. "The Good War and Those Who Refused to Fight It" (Judith Ehrlich and Rick Tejada-Flores, 2001). Gripping documentary, aired on PBS, of the 40,000 American conscientious objectors who refused to fight in World War II. Note: This film is entered in the festival competition. Mich., 8 p.m. "Alien Anomalies out of Other Cinema" (Craig Baldwin). A smorgasbord of recent experimental short films. Mich., 10 p.m. EMU Campus Life. "Pulp Fiction" (Quentin Tarantino, 1994). Cult noir comedy hit about a couple of hit men. John Travolta, Harvey Keitel, Uma Thurman. FREE. 487–3045. EMU Roosevelt Auditorium, 7 p.m. The Underworld. "Anime Night." See 5 Tuesday. The Underworld, 9 p.m.

13 WEDNESDAY

Spring Concert: Society for Musical Arts. Saline star fiddler Jeremy Kittel and local young guitarist Jesse Mason, whose jaw-dropping duo performance in the recent local live broadcast of A Prairie Home Companion brought down the house, perform a concert of Celtic, classical, and jazz selections. Followed by lunch (\$10; reservations required at 302–0070) with the artists. 10:30 a.m., Ann Arbor Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. \$10 (accompanying friend, \$8; students, \$5) at the door only. 663–6366.

★"Bring a Buddy Day": Quest Center. March 13 & 14. Kids 4 and older and adults invited to try out one of several martial arts classes offered throughout the day. Noon–9 p.m. (Mar. 13) & 10 a.m.–9 p.m. (Mar. 14), Quest Center, 2111 Packard. Free. Preregistration required by March 7. 332–1800.

★Memorial of Names: U-M Hillel 23rd Annual Conference on the Holocaust. A 24-hour reading in which community members take turns reading aloud from a list of the names of the more than 6 million people who perished during the Nazi Holocaust. A memorial service at noon tomorrow concludes the reading. Noon today-noon tomorrow, U-M Diag. Free. 769–0500.

"Stroller Romp": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Kids 1-3 can try simple hands-on activities

popular music

Steven Curtis Chapman Very contemporary Christian

The youthful faithful already know all about Steven Curtis Chapman's appearance Thursday, March 14, at Hill Auditorium. Although contemporary Christian music doesn't register much on weekend things-to-do lists, he filled Hill Auditorium three years ago and will likely do so again. But what might the show hold for the musically curious general listener?

My own interest in the CCM genre comes down to the set of issues neatly encapsulated by the eighteenth-century English cleric Rowland Hill, who asked why the devil should have all the good tunes. How do you take a musical language that evolved to express notions of sex and drugs and rock 'n' roll, and turn it into music of Christian worship?

Plenty of Christians say it can't be done (evangelicals aren't the monolithic group they are sometimes made out to be), and CCM has its critics. Nevertheless, it's hard to imagine Steven Curtis Chapman offending too many Christians, for the language of his music is unmistakably religious. A Nashville-based vocalist and guitarist, he writes nearly all his own material—and his songwriting solutions to CCM's challenges make for sharp pop music in anybody's book. In Chapman's hands, the folkish sounds of 1980s soft rock are effectively transformed into devotional hymns, and the big, metallic, electronic beats of producerdriven contemporary pop become underpinnings for large pronouncements of personal conversion that do not lose reflectiveness. During Chapman's fifteen years as one of the top performers in Christian music, his music has displayed a sequence of styles that follow just a few steps behind the pop language of the moment. He has said that he's guided stylistically by the music his kids listen to.

And he has the songwriting chops to pull all this off. Chapman rarely needs to resort to the move, so common among CCM songwriters, of writing essentially secular love songs that barely hint at a divine object of love. The extremely infectious hooks of



Chapman's up-tempo songs carry explicitly Christian enthusiasm, not generalized notions of love and commitment, and the result is music with a certain idealism. The intolerance of a Falwell or a Robertson is nowhere in evidence here, and non-Christians (I write as one) in search of some common ground with the country's dominant metaphysical outlook might check out Steven Curtis Chapman for what he has to offer.

One word of caution is in order: pop music with strong percussive elements tends to collapse into a barrage of overwhelming, lyric-obscuring noise in Hill Auditorium, and out-of-town sound crews unfamiliar with the hall's hypersensitive acoustics tend to make the problem worse. Someone who was at the concert told me this happened the last time Chapman was here. Why doesn't anybody hold rock shows at Crisler Arena anymore? It would seem a better deal all -James M. Manheim

and tour Matthaei's unusual plants. 2°p.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. \$5. 998-7061.

Performance and Noncompetition Films: 40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. Performance art by Pat Oleszko, a judge for this year's festival (see 10 Sunday). Preceded by a film jam (1 p.m.) in which filmmakers screen and chat about films and videos not included in the festival program. 3 p.m., Michigan Theater. Free. 995-5356.

*"The Many Meanings of 'Swan Lake': A Cultural History of Tchaikovsky's Ballet": U-M Dance Department. Talk by Harvard University Slavic languages and literatures professor Julie Buckler. 4 p.m., Betty Pease Dance Studio, 1310 North University Ct. Free. 763-5460.

*"Islamic Attitudes Towards Jews and Judaism, Old and New": U-M Center for Judaic Studies. Talk by L'Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (Paris) researcher Norman Stillman. 4 p.m., 3040 Frieze, 105 S. State. Free, 763–9047.

*"Ny Mpanjaka Tsy Roa: Studying Indigenous State Formation in Madagascar": U-M College of Literature, Science, & the Arts. Lecture by Henry Wright, in conjunction with his appointment as U-M Albert Clanton Spalding collegiate professor of anthropology. Reception follows. 4:10 p.m., Michigan Union Pendleton Room. Free, 994–6244.

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 2 Saturday. Today: Team USA Under-18 vs. Cleveland of the North American Hockey League. 7 p.m.

*Ann Arbor Magic Club. All amateur and professional magicians invited to an evening of socializing and discussion of the magical arts. 7 p.m., Domino's Farms, Lobby G, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr. (off Earhart Rd. north of Plymouth Rd.). Free. 482-9253.

★Paul Green: Michigan/Ohio Computer-Human Interaction. Talk on a topic TBA by this U-M industrial operations professor. 7-9 p.m., 411 West Hall, 550 E. University. Free. 995-1010.

★"The Matthaei Prairie: A Pioneer in Ecological Restoration": Wild Ones. Talk by Wild Ones member Aunita Erskine. 7 p.m., 125 U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free.

★Introduction to Trager. Local physical therapist and certified Trager practitioner Eileen Dickinson discusses and leads a participatory session of this method of relaxing the body and moving more easily. 7-8:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. Reservations required. 717-4145.

*"Lummox: The Evolution of Man": Liberty Borders. Southern Illinois University creative writing professor Mike Magnuson reads from his mem-oir of his youth as a clueless oaf drifting through the Reagan era. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

*Channeled Spiritual Discussion Group: Deep Spring Center. All invited to share their spiritual and metaphysical questions with others with similar interests. The evening is led by Aaron, a "being of light" channeled by Barbara Brodsky. Aaron offers a talk and answers personal and universal questions. Also, socializing. 7:30 p.m., 3455 Charing Cross Rd. (off Packard just west of US-23). Free, but donations are accepted. 971–3455.

*"Antique Gardens: American Home Land-scapes, 1800-1940": Ann Arbor Garden Club. Talk by local bulb historian Scott Kunst, who owns the bulb outlet Old House Gardens Antique Bulbs. All invited. 7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 995–2532.

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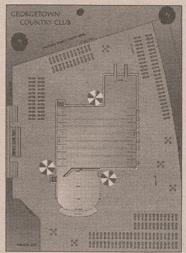
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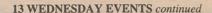
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*Informal Singing Group: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. March 13 & 27 All singers—good, bad, and indifferent—invited to an evening of informal a cappella singing of folk, gospel, rounds, and old rock 'n' roll. Bring the Rise Up Singing songbook, if you have one, or copies of song lyrics to share. Instruments welcome. 7:30-9:30 p.m., call for location. Free. 669-8921.

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"Conflict and Culture in the Middle East and Central Asia." March 13, 20, & 27. A series of talks organized by an ad hoc group of Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor parents and students. Tonight: editor Syed Javed Nazir, currently a U-M journalism fellow, discusses "Central Asian and Middle Eastern Viewpoints on U.S. Foreign Policy," followed by a panel discussion by members of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) in Dearborn. Also this month: U-M Residential College sociology professor Ian Robinson discusses "Globalization as a Force in Interna-tional Relations," and a sampling of "Middle East-ern Cuisine" (March 20). Ann Arbor congresswoman Lynn Rivers and Michigan ACLU director Michael Steinberg discuss "The Antiterrorism Laws and Their Implications," followed by a panel discussion by ACCESS members (March 27). 7:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner School, 2775 Newport Rd. Free. 483-9512 (days), (517) 522-4185 (eves.).

*Romantic Fiction Readers Group: Barnes & Noble. All invited to discuss A Soft Place to Fall, Barbara Bretton's tale, set in a tiny Maine town about a recently widowed young woman who falls in love with a Wall Street broker who is hiding out in the town while he reevaluates his life. 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

*History Readers Group: Nicola's Books. EMU history professor Mark Higbee leads a discussion of Mammy and Uncle Mose: Black Collectibles and American Stereotyping, Kenneth Goings's examina tion of collectible objects made between 1880 and the late 1950s as signifiers of racist stereotypes. All invited. 7:30 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662-4110.

*Anne Waldman Symposium: U-M Special Collections Library. March 13-15, The library celebrates its acquisition of the archives of this celebrated post-Beat poet with an exhibit, readings by Waldman and other poets, talks, and panel discussions. Tonight: NPR correspondent Andrei Codrescu on "Talking about Anne: Some Reflections on Anne Waldman's Work." Followed by a reception. 8 p.m., 100 Hutchins Hall, 625 S. State. Free. 764-9377.

*Guest Recital: U-M Music School. Juilliard piano students (and U-M grads) Joshua Cullen and Andrew Le perform works TBA. 8 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway). North Campus. Free. 764-0583.

"Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Friday. 3 & 8 p.m.

FILMS

40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. See 10 Sunday Events listing. Competition screening. The 7 p.m. show is preceded by Wolfsong, a 5-minute dance theater piece by the local troupe Hundredth Monkey. Mich., 7 & 9 p.m. Sidebar Shows. Experimental short videos from the Netherlands Media Art Institute. Mich., 8 p.m. "Cinema Connection: Lux Mundi." A collection of short films by U-M art stu dents. Mich., 10 p.m. "Press Play to Agitate: Pirates, Parodists, and the Prank-Documentary' (Craig Baldwin, 1999). Irreverent, entertaining video about how filmmakers can appropriate and subvert the conventions of news, documentaries, infomercials, and other mass media phenomena. \$3. 995-5356. Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley. 11 p.m.

14 THURSDAY

*Job Fair: Washtenaw Community College. A chance for job seekers to meet reps from numerous local companies, practice interviewing techniques. and get information. 1-4 p.m., WCC Student Center Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 677-5155.

★Noncompetition Films: 40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. Filmmaker Chel White, a judge in this year's festival (see 10 Sunday), screens several of her short films. Preceded by a talk by a representative from the AVID video editing equipment company and free buffet lunch (1 p.m.). 3 p.m., Michigan Theater. Free. 995-5356.

*"Why Gender? Why Art? Why Now?": U-M Theme Semester. Talk by University of Leeds (England) social and critical histories of art professor Griselda Pollock. Also, Pollock hosts a noontime Q&A session tomorrow (Lane Hall seminar room, 204 S. State) and gives a talk on March 19 on "Pow-

er and the Body: Myths, Tropes, and Images of the Feminine Then and Now" (5:30 p.m., U-M Museum of Art). 5 p.m., School of Art and Design lecture hall, 2000 Bonisteel, North Campus. Free. 763-4417.

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"Late Night Catechism": Entertainment Events, Inc. (Catholic Social Services 16th Annual "After Hours Benefit"). Today only. National touring production of Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's interactive, semi-improvisatory one-woman off-Broadway comedy about a no-nonsense Catholic nun who leads a catechism class made up of audience members. Benevolently doling out glow-in-the-dark dark rosaries one moment and confiscating lipsticks the next, the awe-inspiring Sister (Donovan) leads her charges through the basics of Catholic doctrine and a Q&A session that includes an earthy recap of the lives of the saints. The New York Times noted that the show "speaks to an audience much broader than the membership of any one church, making [the show] and the laughter-it elicits accessible to all." Also, cocktail reception, raffle and silent auction of goods and services donated by local businesses. Proceeds benefit CSS. 6 p.m., WCC Morris J. Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Ticket, 575 in advance only, 971, 9781 Tickets \$75 in advance only. 971-9781.

"Rolfing." Lecture-demonstration by local certified advanced rolfer Jeff Belanger. Rolfing is a system of body work that uses soft tissue manipulation to reorganize the body and restore balance, resulting in greater ease and freedom of movement. 6:30 p.m., 1012 Woodbridge. Free. 668–8843.

*Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Cage Bird Club. Club members discuss what they learned at a recent bird seminar in Chicago. Refreshments. Bring your bird. All invited. 7 p.m., Ann Arbor Community Center, 625 N. Main. Free. (313) 928–4270.

"Stouts": Arbor Brewing Company Beer Tasting. A chance to sample and learn about more than 2 dozen stouts from around the world, including 3 or 4 from Arbor Brewing. Includes oatmeal, coffee, and other specialty stouts. Also, a drawing for beer-related prizes. The price of admission includes unlimited beer sampling and a German appetizer buffet. 7–9 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington. Tickets \$25 in advance and (if available) at the door. 213–1393.

*"DuMouchelle's Auctioneers": Ann Arbor Dis-trict Library. Joan DuMouchelle Walker discusses the history of her family's Detroit art gallery and auction house and offers an overview of the ap-praisal and auction business. All invited to bring one item for her to appraise informally. 7-8:30 p.m AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–4560.

*"How to Meditate Using Chakras, Mantras, and Breath": Liberty Borders. Reading by local homeopath Dennis Chernin. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

History of Books & Printing Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Books ellers. RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 21. All invited to join a discussion of John Noble Wilford's The Mapmakers. Refreshments. 7–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 111 E. Ann. Free. 669-0451.

*Rachel Vail: Arborland Borders. This children's book author reads from Sometimes I'm Bombaloo, her story about a little girl with a temper. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

Steven Curtis Chapman: U-M Office of Major Events. See review, p. 73. This popular contemporation rary Christian singer-songwriter and guitarist, a 9time Gospel Music Association Songwriter of the Year, is a straight-from-the-heart singer and a skilled songwriter whose works range from upbeat rock praise songs to meditative ballads. They have been recorded by everyone from Glen Campbell to Roger Whittaker Chessens's resent work reflects influenced to the control of whittaker. Chapman's recent work reflects influences of Collective Soul, the Wallflowers, and the Dave Matthews Band. Chapman's recently released Dave Matthews Band. Chapman's recently at the door. 763-TKTS.

"How to Get Elected": Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County. Talk by Andy LeCureaux, a Libertarian who was elected to the Hazel Park City Council last November. 7:30 p.m., CUBS' A.C., 1950 South Industrial. Free. 475–9792.

*Donell Snyder: EMU Music Department. This EMU saxophone professor performs works by Denisov, Bonneau, Mobberly, and Ibert. Piano accompanist is Jun Okada. 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.

*Anne Waldman Symposium: U-M Special Collections Library. See 13 Wednesday. Today's program is highlighted by readings by 4 of Waldman's

longtime associates, collaborators, teachers, and friends. Ron Padgett, once dubbed "the grand old young man of the New York School of poets" by Aram Saroyan, is known for his graceful blend of modernist wit and irony with a down-to-earth lyricism and humor. Poet and cultural critic Lorenzo Thomas writes poetry that, according to Gwendolyn Brooks, is "notable for wit, technical skill, and steady energy," and Mei-mei Berssenbrugge, a col-league of Thomas's at the Naropa Institute's Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics, writes semiabstract meditative poems. Temple University English professor Rachel Blau DuPlessis, Waldman's onetime teacher, writes poetry that draws on the work of women modernists. Today's daytime session includes a reading by U-M students and local poets TBA (4-5:30 p.m.) and 3 panel discussions. Padgett, poet Joan Kyger, and St. Mark's Poetry Project co-coordinator Eleni Sikelianos discuss "Anne Waldman's Early Years: The New York School and the St. Mark's Poetry Project" (9:15 a.m.). Alternative Press founder (and U-M English lecturer) Ken Mikolowski, New York Granary Books publisher Steve Clay, and Coffee House Press founder Allan Kornblum discuss "Publishing and the Small Press Scene" (11 a.m.). Poets Laura Bardwell and Anselm Hollo discuss "Buddhist In-General Anselm Follo discuss Butulist Influences, Naropa Institute, and the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics" (2 p.m.). 8 p.m., Special Collections Library (7th floor Harlan Hatcher Library), 920 North University. Free.

Millish: The Ark. Irish-worldbeat fusion by this lo-cal quartet. With National Scottish champion fiddler Jeremy Kittel, All-Ireland champion uilleann piper Tyler Duncan, guitarist Blake Mason, and percussionist Glenn Bering. The band recently performed as local guests with the Chieftains at Hill. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$12.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticket-master outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

*Ann Arbor Ski Club. March 14 & 28. All invited to learn about the club's downhill and cross-country ski and snowboarding outings and other social activities. Tonight's meeting is followed by a dance. Newcomers welcome. Must be 21 or older. 8–11 p.m., Cobblestone Farm barn, 2781 Packard. Free.

*Brock Clarke: Shaman Drum Bookshop. This Clemson University English and creative writing professor reads from What We Won't Do, his debut short story collection that won the 2000 Mary Mc-Carthy Prize in Short Fiction. Set in and around the Adirondacks in his native upstate New York, the stories probe the hearts and minds of all sorts of disaffected and unfulfilled people. Signing, refreshments 8 p.m., Shaman Drum, 315 S. State. Free. 662–7407.

Bells Are Ringing": Greenhills School. March 14-17. Jim Posante and Ben Cohen direct Greenhills students in Betty Comden, Jule Styne, and Adolph Green's sweet, endearing musical about a snoopy telephone operator who becomes a bit too involved in the lives of her callers, until one day she falls for a man she's never met. 8 p.m., Greenhills School Campbell Center for the Performing Arts, 850 Greenhills Dr. \$10 (students, \$8). 205-4057.

★"The Boys Next Door": U-M Basement Arts Theater. March 14-16. Steve Best directs U-M students in Tom Griffin's compassionate comedy about 4 mentally challenged group-home residents and their social worker. Evening time TBA, Arena Stage (Frieze basement), 105 S. State. Free. 764-6800.

"The Lucky Spot": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. March 14-17 & 21-24. Wendy Wright directs Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Beth Henley's rarely performed comic drama, set in Pidgeon, Louisiana, about a cardsharp who wins a house in a poker game and plans to turn it into a dance hall. When his pregnant teenage girlfriend, whom he also won in the game, invites his recently paroled wife for Christmas dinner in the hope that he will divorce her, most of the newly hired dancers resign in fear, while the wife's onetime beau shows up to muddle up things even further. Cast: Emily Phenix, Rob Roy, Amelia Martin, Aaron Rabb, Elise Stempky, Kevin Branshaw, Larry Rusinsky. 8 p.m., AACT, 408 W. Washington. Tickets \$16 (students & seniors, \$14; tonight only, \$8) in advance or at the door. 971–2228.

"The White Rose": Performance Network Professional Season. Every Thursday through Sunday, March 14-April 7. David Wolber directs Lillian Garrett-Groag's drama, set in Munich in 1942, about 5 German college students who published a series of leaflets opposing the Third Reich. Cast: Mark Rademacher, Tom Whalen, Robyn Heller, Scott Crownover, Nick Barnes, Mitch Range, Aral Grib-ble, and Noah Philpot. 8 p.m., Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. Tickets \$25 (seniors, \$22) on Fri. &





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14 THURSDAY EVENTS continued

Sat. and \$20 (seniors, \$17) on Thurs. & Sun. in advance by reservation and at the door. Half-price student rush tickets available 1 hour before showtime. March 14 preview performance is whatever you can afford to pay. For reservations, call 663-0681; to charge by phone, call 663-0696.

"Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. See 7 Thurs-

Tim Slagle: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. March 14-16. Chicago monologist known for his edgy, provocative social and political satire that's rooted in a fiercely libertarian point of view. A frequent face on MTV and Comedy Central, he's also performed 3 years running at the annual Libertarian national con-vention. On Thursdays the headliner is preceded by as many as 6 rookie comics; on weekends the headiner is preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all 8 p.m. Friday shows are nonsmoking shows. 8 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. \$5 (Thurs.) & \$8 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, \$8 (Thurs.) & \$10 (Fri. & Sat.) & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996-9080.

*The Irish Dance Society: U-M Michigan League "Spotlight Thursday." Performances by this U-M student ensemble. 8:30 p.m., Michigan League Underground, 911 North University. Free.

FILMS

40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. See 10 Sunday Events listing. Competition Screening. The 7 p.m. show is preceded by a short poetry reading by veteran local poet Arwulf Arwulf. Mich., 7, 9, & 11 p.m. Sidebar Shows. Filmmaker Branden Joseph discusses and screens a film of Andy Warhol's 1966 multimedia show The Exploding Plastic Inevitable. Mich., 8 p.m. Experimental short videos from the Netherlands Media Art Institute. Mich., 10 p.m. EMU Campus Life. "Shakespeare in Love" (John Madden, 1998). Video showing of this romantic comedy about a youthful Shakespeare. FREE. 487-3045. EMU Roosevelt Auditorium, 5 p.m. U-M Hillel 23rd Annual Conference on the Holocaust. "America and the Holocaust: Deceit and Indifference" (Martin Ostrow, 1994). Today only. Disturbing PBS documentary about the American government's response to the plight of WW II-era Jewish refugees. FREE. 769-0500. Angell Hall auditorium

15 FRIDAY

*"Making a Place for Literature": U-M Office of the President. This daylong conference, honoring Laurence Goldstein for his 25 years as editor of the Michigan Quarterly Review, features panel discussions, with U-M and visiting scholars, on "Communities of Print" (9:15-11 a.m.), "Speaking to Readers" (11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.), and "The Art of Literary Publishing" (2:30-4:15 p.m.). The program begins with a brief welcoming address by nationally acclaimed local fiction writer Charles Baxter (9 a.m.) and concludes with "In Situ: Reading in Place" (5-6:30 p.m.), a series of readings, moderated by local poet Keith Taylor, of poetry, fiction, and other writings by conference participants. 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Michigan League Hussey Room. Free. 395-8266.

★Beth Meyer: U-M College of Architecture. Talk by this University of Virginia landscape architect. 12:30 p.m., Art and Architecture auditorium, 2000 Bonisteel, North Campus. Free. 764-1300.

Builders Home and Improvement Show: Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County.

March 15-17. More than 200 area exhibitors show and demonstrate products and offer information on services for the home, including computer programs that can operate curtains, appliances, and the ther-mostat when residents aren't home. Also, exhibits on remodeling, landscaping, water purification, fireplace construction, energy efficiency, interior design, home theaters, sunrooms, spas, and more. Concessions. 3–9 p.m. (Mar. 15), 10 a.m.–8 p.m. (Mar. 16), 11 a.m.–5 p.m. (Mar. 17), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Admission \$5 (children 12 & under, free). Free parking. For information, call Sue Willis at 996–0100.

★Noncompetition Films: 40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. Filmmaker Jay Rosenblatt, a judge for this year's festival (see 10 Sunday), screens several of his short films. Preceded at 1 p.m. by "What the Hell Was That," a program of free screenings and discussion of truly strange short experimental films. 3 p.m., Michigan Theater. Free. 995-5356.

★"C. P. Cavafy": U-M Classical Studies Department Modern Greek Program. Princeton University classics professor Daniel Mendelsohn discusses this modern Greek poet (1863-1933). Also, of March 16 Mendelsohn is joined by other scholars for a conference on "Greek at a Slight Angle: Cavafy and Classical Poetry" (9:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Michigan Union Anderson Room). In conjunction with exhibits related to Cavafy's work (see review, p. 92) at the U-M Museum of Art, Kelsey Museum, and Graduate Library. 4 p.m., Michigan Union Anderson Room. Free. 936–6099.

U-M Men's Gymnastics vs. French National Team. 7 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, S. State at Hoover. \$3 (youths age 12 & under, \$1; U-M students, free).

*Leslie Masters: Washington Street Gallery. This local artist discusses her landscape paintings currently on exhibit (see Galleries). 7 p.m., Washington Street Gallery, 215 E. Washington. Free. 761-2287.

4th Annual Ann Arbor Youth Poetry Slam: VOLUME. Top local youth poets wage a war of words in their quest for a coveted spot on the team that will represent Ann Arbor next month in the 5th Annual National Youth Poetry Slam, held in Vermont this year—past Ann Arbor teams have won first place twice. Preliminary rounds (\$3; students free) are 7-10 p.m. at Huron High (March 7), Community High (March 8) and Pioneer High (March 9) 7–10 p.m., Neutral Zone, 637 S. Main. \$5 (students, \$2). 572–1732.

★Brian Delaney Trio: Liberty Borders. Acoustic gypsy swing by this local trio. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 677–6948.

★Paul VornHagen: Arborland Borders. Jazz standards by this veteran local saxophonist and flutist. 7 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

"Revenge of the 80s": Pioneer Theater Guild-March 15 & 16. Mike Mosallam directs Pioneer students in their lively, funny original variety show celebrating this, like, totally awesome if occasionally grody decade. The show features movie monologues from Ferris Bueller's Day Off and The Breakfast Club, Saturday Night Live sketches, and such nostalgia-inducing songs as "Karma Chameleon," "Material Girl," and "Thriller." 7 & 10 p.m., Pioneer High Little Theater. Tickets \$5 in advance and at the door, 994-2191.

*Anne Waldman Symposium: U-M Special Collections Library. See 13 Wednesday. Today's program is highlighted by readings by Waldman and 3 other poets who also teach at Naropa Institute's Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics. Anne Waldman (see review, p. 79), who cofounded the school with Allen Ginsberg, is best known for the series of dazzling chant poems collected in Fast Speaking Woman and for her commitment to the develop ment of both oral poetry and an audience for it. Her poems are full of passion and imaginative surprise. but unlike most oral poetry, they are also driven forward by a playfulness that manifests itself as an exuberance of formal and linguistic invention. She is accompanied by guitarist-keyboardist Steve Tyler. Other readers: New York poet Eleni Sikelianos is known for what one critic calls an "aggressively modern style to an almost metaphysical sense of and Finnish-born poet and translator Anselm Hollo is known for his sharp, quirky poems that have been called "eccentric, intercultural learned, and hip." California poet Joanne Kyger writes poems that explore Zen Buddhist and other spiritual themes. Today's daytime session includes reading by U-M students and local poets TBA (4-5:30 p.m.) and 3 panel discussions. University of Minnesota English professor Maria Damon, New York poet Alan Gilbert, and onetime Naropa Institute writing instructor Akilah Oliver discuss "Politics and Feminism in the Work of Anne Waldman" (9 a.m.). Mei-mei Berssenbrugge, Jena Osman, and Kristin Prevallet discuss "Anne Waldman as Per-former and Collaborator" (11 a.m.). Rachel Blau DuPlessis and Lorenzo Thomas discuss "Critical Overview: Anne Waldman's Role in 20th-Century American Poetics" (2 p.m.). 8 p.m., Special Colctions Library (7th floor, Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library), 920 North University. Free. 764-9377. 'No, No, Nanette": Saline Area Players. March

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15-17. Conrad Mason directs local actors in Vincent Youmans, Irving Caesar, and Otto Harbach's jazzy musical set in the 1920s. A generous salesman reined in by his frugal wife, incites big trouble by be-stowing money on 3 beautiful women friends, while his daughter Nanette squirms free from her cocoon of ladylike reserve to become a social butterfly. Songs include "Where Has My Hubby Gone Blues," "Peach on the Beach," "Tea for Two," and "Telephone Girlie." 8 p.m., Saline Area High School auditorium "Tea for Two," and "Telephone 7190 N. Maple, Saline. Tickets (price TBA) in advance at www.SalineAreaPlayers.com and at the

*"The Boys Next Door": U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 14 Thursday. Evening time TBA

"Down Under": Ann Arbor Train & Trolley Watchers. AATTW member Mercer Patriarche gives a slide-illustrated talk about Australian trains. 8 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church social hall, 306 N. Division ("just up the hill from the Amtrak station"). Free. 996–8345, 971–8329.

*Angell Hall Observatory Open House: U-M Student Astronomical Society. March 15 & 29. All invited to peer through the telescope on the Angell Hall roof to examine interesting and subline celestial bodies. Members of the U-M Astronomical Societial bodies. ety on hand to answer questions. 8-10 p.m., fifth-floor rooftop observatory, Angell Hall (from the large State St. entrance, take one of the elevators on the left). Free. 936–3626.

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Tom Strode and Timothy Tikker and the local early-music a cappella chorus Vox (see 9 Saturday). 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662-4466.

Kate Campbell: Green Wood Coffee House Series (First United Methodist Church). A preacher's daughter from Mississippi, Campbell is a young singer-songwriter known for her sweet, smoky vocals and seductively melodic, poetically evocatively melodic poetically evocative evoc songs about growing up in the South. She has re-leased 3 CDs, including the recent Visions of Plenty.

8 p.m., FUMC Green Wood Church, 1001 Green Rd. at Glazier Way. \$10 (kids 10 & under, 2 for the Price of 1) in advance and at the door. 662-4536,

Alison Brown Quartet: The Ark. Accessible, adventurous jazz-hued progressive bluegrass in the tradition of David Grisman and Bela Fleck by this ensemble led by banjoist and composer Brown, a former member of Alison Krauss's Union Station. The band's larger CD. Fair Worther, is closer to tradiband's latest CD, Fair Weather, is closer to traditional bluegrass than its usual repertoire. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$16 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets: and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

Los Munequitos de Matanzas: University Musical Society. See review, p. 81. This celebrated company of Cuban dancers, singers, and percussionists performs rumba—a Cuban song-and-dance form that combines percussive rhythms and sung stories—and ritual music from the Yoruba and Abacua religions, imported from Africa via the slave trade centuries ago. The group got its start 50 years ago in a bar in the rural province of Matanzas with a group of dock workers pounding on the tables and turning their beer bottles into impromptu instruments. Soon one of the most popular ensembles in Cuba, the group went on to gain wide recognition as leading exponents of Afro-Cuban music and dance Tonight's performance includes several traditional rumbas rarely seen outside rural Cuba—the *yambu*, a sensual couples' dance; the columbia, a lightningfast competitive male dance featuring machetes and knives; and the guaguanco, a choreographic battle of the sexes—as well as a Nigerian religious ritual. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$16–\$32 in advance at the Michigan League and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800)

"For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf": U-M Residenperform Ntozake Shange's unsettling, moving "choreopoem" exploring the emotions and experiences of 7 women of color. 8 p.m., RC Auditorium, East Quad, 701 East University. Tickets \$5 (students \$32 at the dear only 763, 0176. dents, \$3) at the door only, 763-0176.

"West Side Story": U-M MUSKET. March 15-17. U-M students present Arthur Laurents's spirited musical adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*, set in New York and featuring the rival street gangs the Sharks and the Jets. The beloved Leonard Bernstein— Stand Stephen Sondheim score includes such favorites as "Maria," "Tonight," and "America." 8 p.m., Power Center, \$13 (students, \$7) in advance at the Michigan Lord To charge Ran League Box Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–0450.

"Bells Are Ringing": Greenhills School, See 14 Thursday, 8 p.m.

"The Lucky Spot": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See

"Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Company. See 1 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. See 7 Thurs-

"The White Rose": Performance Network Pro-fessional Season. See 14 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Tim Slagle: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 14 Thursday, 8 & 10:30 p.m.

Cajun/Zydeco St. Patrick's Day Dance Party.

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*"Survivor of Bergen-Belsen": U-M Hillel 23rd Annual Conference on the Holocaust. Talk by Dutch Holocaust survivor Jaap Polak, author of Steal a Pencil for Me, a moving collection of the love letters he and his wife exchanged while imprisoned in the Bergen-Belsen and Westerbork camps during WW II. Preceded at 7:30 p.m. by dinner preregistration required). 8:45 p.m., Hillel, 1429 Hill. Free. 769-0500.

Jane Bunnett and the Spirit of Havana: Bird of Paradise. March 15 & 16. Afro-Cuban jazz by this ensemble led by the acclaimed Canadian soprano saxophonist and flutist Bunnett. Also, at 7 p.m. on March 17, the Bird hosts a free screening (one-drink minimum purchase) of *Spirit of Havana*, a documentary film about the band. 9 & 11 p.m., Bird of Paradise, 306 S. Main. Tickets \$20 (students with ID. \$15) in advance and at the door, 971-8300 (noon-6 p.m.), 662-8310 (after 6 p.m.).

40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. See 10 Sunday Events listing. Competition screenings. Mich., 7, 9, & 11 p.m. Sidebar Show. "Underground Zero: The 9/11 Project" (Caveh Zahedi and Jay Rosenblatt, 2001). Moving pastiche of contributions by numerous independent filmmakers ad-dressing the attacks of September 11. Mich., 8 p.m. "Decasia" (Bill Morrison, 2001). Mesmerizing dystopian ode to creation, decay, and the struggle to overcome mortality. Mich., 10 p.m. U-M Center for Chinese Studies. "Spring Cactus" (Huang Yushan, 1999). A young woman with a rebellious spirit struggles to escape a world of drug addiction and prostitution. Mandarin & Taiwanese, subtitles: No children under 12 admitted. FREE. 764-6308. Angell Hall Auditorium A, 8 p.m.

16 SATURDAY

*Regional Competition: National Science Olympiad. All invited to watch local middle and high school students compete individually and as teams in different tasks that test contestants' knowledge of physics, biology, earth science, chemistry, meteorology, and technology. The top 2 winners of this regional event—the Huron and Pioneer high school teams grabbed 1st and 2nd place last year—go to state-level competition in this Michigan-based national science contest. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., various WCC campus sites, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free.

Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild. Slide-illustrated lecture by Nebraska master fiber artist Jenny Raymond. Followed by member "show and tell." Sale of quilting supplies, fabrics, and books. Featured vendor is Margie Ann's Quilt Shop. Also, display of quilts donated to SAFE House. Raffle: Quilters of all abilities invited. Lunch available. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. \$10 (members, free). Wheelchair-accessible. 429-3426, 434-6039.

★Volunteer Stewardship Workday: Ann Arbor Parks Department. March 16 & 23. All invited to help city parks Natural Area Preservation Division staff maintain the natural areas in various city parks. Also, city staffers identify native plants found in the park. Dress for the weather; bring work gloves. Refreshments. Today: a trip to Cranbrook Park to pick up trash and remove invasive plants. 10 a.m.-1 m., meet in the Church of Christ parking lot, 2500 p.m., meet in 11. S. Main. Free. 996–3266.

★5th Annual Dance Marathon: U-M/Children's Miracle Network. March 16-17. Hundreds of U-M students dance to a variety of music to benefit the children's rehabilitation program at Mott and Beaumont hospitals (they raised \$133,000 last year). Also: appearances by U-M dance students, a cappella groups, and athletes, and a silent auction. Refreshments available. 10 a.m. Sat. 4 p.m. Sun., U-M Indoor Track Bldg., Hoover at S. State. Free.

"Dinosaurs": U-M Exhibit Museum Discovery Day. This family-oriented dinosaur program includes hands-on activities for kids, demonstrations, and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, North University at Geddes Ave. \$2 (kids, 50¢).

28th Annual Pioneer Craft Fair: Dexter Area Historical Society. Juried show of more than 50 artists and craftspeople. Modern and traditional folk art. Also, demonstrations of quilting, wood carving, lace making, caning, rushing, painting, calligraphy, tinsmithing, broom making, and more. Storytelling and a craft table for kids. Entertainment TBA. Bake

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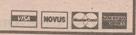
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16 SATURDAY EVENTS continued

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★Japan Cultural Festival: U-M Japan Student Association. A lively, wide-ranging show of Japanese culture, old and new. Visitors can try on a kimono and see bonsai, karate, and kendo demos, a traditional tea ceremony, and calligraphers in action. Snacks. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., East Hall North Atrium, 525 East University. Free. 764-4636.

"Stars of Spring"/"Navigating with Lewis and Clark": U-M Exhibit Museum Planetarium. Every Saturday & Sunday beginning March 16. Stars of Winter (11:30 a.m. Saturdays only and 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. both days) is an audiovisual exploration of the stars and planets currently visible in the sky, narrated by the late U-M law professor (and local actor) Bev Pooley. Navigating with Lewis and Clark (12:30 p.m. Saturdays only and 2:30 p.m. both days) is an audiovisual show that traces the route taken by Lewis and Clark to show the methods they used to figure out where they were. This program also includes a brief star talk. 11:30 a.m. and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, & 3:30 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, North University at Geddes Ave. \$3 (seniors & children 12 & under. \$21, 764–0478.

★African American Historical and Cultural Book Club: Barnes & Noble. All invited to join a discussion of a book TBA. 1 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6475.

★Billy Marr: Ann Arbor District Library. This local pianist performs music with spring as a theme. 1–3 p.m., AADL lobby, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.

"Tracks and Tees": Leslie Science Center (Ann Arbor Parks Department). All kids ages 6–9 invited to investigate animal tracks and then paint their own track scene on a T-shirt (BYO). 1–3 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. \$10 (nonresidents, \$12) per child. Preregistration required. 997–1553.

*"Sandhills and Spring": Waterloo Recreation Area. Waterloo Recreation Area park interpreter Kathy Kavanagh leads a walk to look for returning sandhill cranes and other signs of spring. Bring binoculars, if you have them. Dress for the weather. 2–3:30 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center lower parking lot, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take 1-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) Free. Preregistration required. \$4 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit (\$20 per year). 475–3170.

★Noncompetition Films: 40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. See 10 Sunday. Festival advisory board member Alison LaTendresse screens her recent video works dealing with grief and loss. Preceded at 1 p.m. by "What the Hell Was That," a program of free screenings and discussion of truly strange short experimental films. 3 p.m., Michigan Theater. Free. 995–5356.

★"The Man Who Eats Snakes & Other Tales": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tea Room. The 16 members of the Learning in Retirement Collective, a senior group supported by the U-M Turner Geriatric Center, are on hand to sign copies of this new collection of stories based on their memories. Refreshments. 4–6 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665–2757.

★"Asian Movie Screenings": Asian Cinema Association. A day of Asian movies with English subtitles. Program: Kiki's Delivery Service, Hayao Miyazaki's popular 1989 animated tale of a teen witch on the brink of full witchhood. Japanese, subtitles. Peony Pavilion (5:25 p.m.) is Yonfan's exquisite 2001 story of the entwined fates of 2 women, one a star of 1930s Chinese opera. Mandarin, subtitles. Joint Security Area (7:50 p.m.) is Chan-wook Park's gripping 2001 murder mystery set in Korea's DMZ. Korean and English, subtitles. La Brassiere (9:25 p.m.) is Patrick Leung & Chan Hing Ka's cheeky 2001 romantic comedy about a Japanese bra company that shatters tradition by hiring 2 male bra designers. Cantonese, subtitles. 4 p.m.—midnight, Angell Hall aud. B. Free. asiacinema@umich.edu.

*"Animania": U-M Japanese Animation Film Society. This popular monthly 6-hour festival of Japanese animation features episodes from TV shows and occasional full-length films. Today: yet more episodes from the perennially popular actionadventure car racing series *Initial D* and from *Love Hina*, a romantic comedy about a would-be college student. Episodes from other series TBA. Japanese, subtitles. Raffle and sale of T-shirts. *U-M campus admission policy*: No one 18 or under admitted without an adult. 5–11:30 p.m., 140 Lorch Hall. Free. For information, e-mail animania@umich.edu, or visit the website at www.umich.edu/-animania.

★"End of Winter Night Hike": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. WC-PARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads an evening hike a scant 4 days before the spring equinox. 6:30 p.m., Park Lyndon South (west parking lot), North Territorial Rd. (15 miles west of US-23). Free. 971–6337.

Game Night: Druids of Shining Lakes Grove, All invited to join local neopagans for an evening of snacks, socializing, and games. Bring your favorite game. 7–11 p.m., location TBA. \$6.697–2514.

★"The Boys Next Door": U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 14 Thursday. 7 p.m.

"Revenge of the 80s": Pioneer Theater Guild. See 15 Friday. 7 & 10 p.m.

"No, No, Nanette": Saline Area Players. See 15 Friday. 8 p.m.

The Chenille Sisters: The Ark. March 16 & 17. The nationally renowned local trio of Cheryl Dawdy, Connie Huber, and Grace Morand is known for its breathtakingly precise and resonant vocal harmonies, impish playfulness, and a delightfully eclectic repertoire that ranges from vintage swing tunes to sweet ballads to novelty tunes. This weekend's shows, which celebrate the trio's 17th anniversary, include both old favorites and new songs. 7:30 p.m. The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets S20 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.

Party: Jewish Ann Arbor Singles. All singles invited for camaraderie, schmoozing, and networking-8–11 p.m., location TBA. \$6.668–6552.

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Third Saturday Contra Dance: Cobblestone Farm Dancers. Peter Baker and Robin Warner call to live music by the Pittsfield Open Band. All dances taught; first-timers welcome. No partner needed. Wear cool, casual clothes and bring flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing. Also, all musicians invited to a free jam (3–6 p.m.). 8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of 1-94). \$8. 426–0241, 665–8863.

Beethoven Piano Trios: Kerrytown Concert House. The U-M music faculty trio of pianist Louis Nagel, violinist Stephen Shipps, and cellist Anthony Elliott presents another in its series of concerts covering all of Beethoven's piano trios. 8 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$10, \$15. & \$25 (students, \$5) in advance or at the door 769-2999.

Jason Vieaux: EMU Music Department/Ann Arbor Classical Guitar Society. This 28-year-old guitarist, a Cleveland Institute of Music guitar professor, was hailed by Classical Guitar magazine for the "vigor, accuracy, and musical understanding" of his playing. Program includes works by Ponce, Merlin. Martin, Bach, and Albeniz. 8 p.m., EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at E. Circle Dr., Ypsilanti. \$8 (students, \$5). 487–2255, 769–5704.

Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra. Guest conductor David Katz, former music director of the Adrian Symphony, directs this volunteer community orchestra in instrumental and vocal selections from the operatic repertoire. Guest vocalists are mezzo-soprano Karen Nevines, tenor Shawn McDonald, and baritone David Vaughn. 8 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door, 480-4579.

Chris Peck and Stephen Rush: Canterbury House. Local electronic musician Peck performs electronica and is joined by Rush for a "dance-free version" of Peck's score for New York choreographer David Dorfman's Depth Charge. Proceeds benefit the Ann Arbor Hunger Coalition. 8 p.m., Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron. \$5 donation (students, \$3)-764–3162.

Ani DiFranco: The Ark/U-M Office of Major Events. This singer-songwriter from New York has gained a cult following among 20-somethings with her intense, pungent, bruisingly intelligent postpunk pop-folk songs known for their off-the-wall mix of social protest and self-revelation, sung in what Rolling Stone calls "a lovely, elastic voice that can swing from toffee to burlap within a phrase." In concert, she flirts with her audience while flaunting her androgynous style and bisexuality: she encourages moshing like a rock star. She has released several albums on her own label, Righteous Babe Recordswhich she founded in 1990, at age 19. "It's easy to see why Ms. DiFranco has such a fervent following while remaining independent of recording companies; she offers a fine balance of realism, hardheadedness, and stubborn optimism," says New York Times reviewer Jon Pareles. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium Tickets \$25 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS or (248) 645–6666.

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Anne Waldman A force of nature

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Poet is almost too limiting a term to describe Anne Waldman: she seems to be a force of nature! She came from a family steeped in bohemian culture and moved quite easily into the artistic ferment of New York City in the mid-1960s. For many years she organized the Poetry Project at St. Mark's Church in the Bowery, a series of readings and workshops that brought the influential Beat writers of the earlier decade together with younger writers experimenting with language, with modes of perception, and with new styles of presentation. With Allen Ginsberg, she founded the Jack Ker-ouac School of Disembodied Poetics at the Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colorado, and she was one of the central figures in the movement stressing the dramatic performance of poetry.

When Waldman presents her own poetry in public, her voice becomes an instrument that can move from whisper to scream to spine-tingling howl in the space of a very few syllables. Through it all, she has kept publishing-somewhere over forty books now, and still counting.

She has never written an autobiography, and she has never needed to. In Waldman's passionately intellectual world there are no divisions between the life and the imagination. Still, her recent Vow to Poetry, which gathers together essays, interviews, and poetic manifestos, provides a lot of detail about the life behind this extraordinary body of work.

Waldman tells us in one of her interviews, "I took a vow early on to never give up on poetry or on the poetic communityto serve as a votary to this high and rebellious art." She continues to believe in the quasi-religious role of poetry and articulates it at every moment, as several of the manifestos included here show. She continues to be rebellious, constantly questioning political attitudes. One interviewer tells her that he thinks her "shrillness and inability to draw political distinctions" makes her "mar-ginal and ineffectual." Waldman replies with humor, "How provocative of you! I disagree.



I find the government-and most governments, not just ours-demonic."

Though her rants are fun and often funny, Waldman is best when sticking close to her artistic home: when writing about the poets she has known and about their work. There is a short piece in this book describing her last visit with the dying. Allen Ginsberg, about the tears they shared when he told her about his impending death. She ends the piece with a poem she composed beside Ginsberg's body, while several Buddhist monks chanted around her. This piece will certainly become part of the mosaic of American literary history. It alone is worth the price of Vow to Poetry.

Waldman reads from her work at the Hatcher Graduate Library on Friday, March 15, as part of a three-day U-M conference celebrating Waldman and her work and in--Keith Taylor fluence.

40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. See 10 Sunday Events listing. 4 noncompetition screenings. "Steers and Queers" (Paula Gauthier, 2000). Insider's look at a gay rodeo. Followed by gay and lesbian short films. Mich., 7 p.m. "Vick's Picks." Festival director Vicki Honeyman's selection of choice gems from previous festivals. Mich., 8 & 10 p.m. "Tender Fictions" (Barbara Hammer, 1995). Acclaimed lesbian coming-of-age tale assembled from found footage, snapshots, and filmed TV programs interspersed with sometimes jarring images. Preceded by Hammer's short *Still Point*. Mich., 9 p.m. Also, filmmaker Keith Arnold screens a film TBA. FREE. 995–5356. Firefly Club. 207 S. Ashley. 11:30 p.m. EMU Campus Life. "Monty Python's The Meaning of Life" (Terry Jones, 1983). Outrageous, bawdy comedy spoofing every stage of human existence. FREE. 487–3045. EMU Roosevelt Auditorium, 7 p.m. U-M Modern Greek Studies/Hellenic Student Association. "The Price of Hellenic Student Association." Love" (Tonia Marketaki, 1984). Acclaimed drama, set in early 20th-century Corfu, about the perseverance of a young woman abandoned by her lover because she is too poor. Greek, subtitles. FREE. 222–0907. Lorch Hall auditorium (611 Tappan), 8

17 SUNDAY

*"Thomas Hardy's 'The Dynasts'": Ann Arbor Unitarian Fellowship. Talk by U-M mathematics professor emeritus Wilfred Kaplan. 10 a.m., Burns Park Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 971–8638.

★Sunday Schmooze: Ann Arbor Jewish Cultural Society. All invited for socializing and discussion. Topic: "Jewish Guilt." Coffee, nosh (snack). 10

a.m.-noon, Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free, 975-9872.

*"St. Patrick's Day Irish Festival": Conor O'Neill's. This outdoor festival (in a heated tent) includes live music by the Maggie Drennan Band (noon-5 p.m.), a New York City band that plays traditional Irish music, and Mogue Doyle (6 p.m.-mid-night), a local band that plays Irish rock. Also, between sets, Irish step dancers and Grupa Ceoil, a lo-cal youth ensemble that plays traditional Irish music. Inside the pub, there is live music all day by Bruadar, an Irish band that plays traditional Irish music.
11 a.m.-midnight, parking lot behind Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. Free. 665-2968.

"Dimensions in Light Festival": Lighthouse Center, Inc. The second-largest psychic fair in Michigan features astrology, aura photography, bodyworkers, channeling, health products, readers, vendors, and ear candling, in which a cigar-sized tube of waxcovered cloth is inserted into the ear and set on fire. Also, free lectures (beginning at noon) on stress management, vibrational and self healing, the Kabbalah, Feng Shui, muscle testing, channeling, and more. Vegetarian food available. 11 a:m.-7 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. \$5 admission. 663-2218.

★"Stinchfield Woods Ski or Hike": Sierra Club. All invited to join club members for skiing if it's snowy (bring your skis), or hiking if it's not. I p.m., meet at City Hall parking lot to carpool. Free. 971-1157.

*"The Kabbalah": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tea Room. Talk by rabbi Yehuda Grundman of the Kabbalah Center in Chicago. Q&A. 1-3 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665-2757.

★"Feed the Poets": Del Rio. Open mike poetry readings interspersed with informal readings by Scott Klein and Lisa Mueller. 1:30–4:30 p.m., Del Rio, 122 W. Washington. Free. 761–2530.

★"A Walk Around the Bend": U-M Nichols Arboretum. Arb program coordinator April Pickrel leads a walk to look for signs of spring. 2 p.m., meet at the Reader Center, 1610 Washington Hts. Free. 998-9540.

*"The U-M Project to Secure Local and Organic Foods": Organic Growers of Michigan. All invited to join this discussion. 2 p.m., Washtenaw County Library, County Service Center, Washtenaw Ave. and Hogback Rd. Free. 669-9354.

"Que Syrah Shiraz?": Main Wine Club. All invited to taste French Syrah and American and Australian Shiraz to learn how different geographic regions and stylistic approaches can change a wine. "These events are usually a lot of fun. There is no snobbishness or snootiness-there may be a lot of loud arguing, though," says club director Giri Iyengar. 2–5 p.m., The Club Above (3rd floor of the Heidelberg), 315 N. Main. \$20 (members, \$10) in advance at the Main Party Store, \$25 at the door.

Third Sunday Family Dance Series: Cobblestone Country Dancers. Square and contra dancing to live music by the string band Sandy River Belle, with popular local callers David Park Williams, John Freeman, and Robin Warner. Geared toward families and children. All dances taught; beginners welcome. No partner necessary. 2–4:30 p.m., Cobblestone Farm Barn, 2781 Packard (next to Buhr Park). \$6 (families, \$10), 975–9059, 994–2928.

John Eaton: U-M Classics Department. This internationally renowned opera composer performs his songs based on 3 poems by the Greek poet Angelos Sikelianos. Followed by readings by the New York-based poet Eleni Sikelianos, Angelos's great-grand-daughter, and local poet Keith Taylor, and a panel discussion with Sikelianos, Taylor, and U-M modern Greek preferred Vestilies Lephanestel. Greek professor Vassilios Lambropoulos. Also, announcement of the U-M Contexts for Classics translation contest winners, who read their winning poems. 2 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 410 N. Fifth Ave. \$10 (students, \$5). 936–6099.

"Bells Are Ringing": Greenhills School. See 14 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"West Side Story": U-M MUSKET. See 15 Fri-

"The Lucky Spot": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 14 Thursday. 2 p.m.

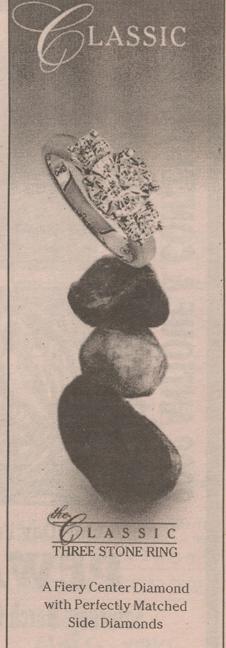
"The White Rose": Performance Network Professional Season. See 14 Thursday. 2 p.m. "Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. See 7 Thurs-

"No, No, Nanette": Saline Area Players. See 15 Friday. 2 p.m.

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Film Discussions: 40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. See 10 Sunday. Festival advisory board member Deanna Morse discusses techniques for making an experimental or animation DVD. Preced-





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"Bells Are Ringing": Greenhills School. See 14

Thursday. 8 p.m.

"West Side Story": U-M MUSKET. See 15 Friday. 8 p.m

"For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf": U-M Residential College Players. See 15 Friday. 8 p.m.

"The Lucky Spot": Ann Arbor Civic Theater, See 14 Thursday, 8 p.m. "Months on End": Purple Rose Theater Compa-

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day. 8 p.m. Tim Slagle: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 14 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

Ann Arbor Ballroom Dance Club. All invited to join club members for ballroom dancing to recorded music. Partner recommended. Refreshments. 9–11 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. \$7. 665–6090, 665–3565.

Jane Bunnett and the Spirit of Havana: Bird of Paradise. See 15 Friday. 9 & 11 p.m.



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ioin an informal discussion of concerns about the response to the events of September 11. 3-5 p.m., lo-

★"Where Does the Money Go? What Are Jews Worldwide Doing?": Jewish Cultural Society/ Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County. United Jewish Communities consulting vice-chair Conrad Giles, a Detroit physician, offers a detailed profile. from the point of view of services provided by the Jewish Agency for Israel, of the variety of Jewish lives, communities, and situations around the world. Noshes. 3 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 761-9491.

*"Release Emotional Stress Permanently!" Local "rapid eye" technique practitioner Robert Hughes discusses and demonstrates this technique for eliminating emotional and physical stress. 4-6 p.m. Crazy Wisdom Bookstore, 114 S. Main. Free; donations welcome. 961–9866.

*"Islam and the Transformation of Foodways in Medieval Morocco": Culinary Historians. Talk by club member Randy Schwartz. All invited. Note new location. 4 p.m., Burns Park Senior Center. 1320 Baldwin. Free to first-time visitors (annual

*Michigan Chamber Players: U-M School of Music. Performances by ad hoc ensembles of U-M music professors. Pianist Katherine Collier, violinist Andrew Jennings, and violist Yizhak Schotten. joined by MSU guest cellist Natalia Khoma, perform Brahms's Quartet in A for Piano and Strings. Also. Schotten, Khoma, pianist Jonathan Shames, and violinists Paul Kantor and Stephen Shipps perform a piano quintet by local Pulitzer Prize-winning composer William Bolcom. 4 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0583.

*"Eco di San Marco": Music at St. Andrew's. An ensemble of local early-music musicians per forms a program of 17th-century sacred brass and string works originally composed to exploit the echoing effects of the acoustics of St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Performers are violinist/violists Dan Foster and David Dyer, bass sackbut player Dan Harris, theorbist Ulrike Goldstein, harpsichordist/organist Martha Folts, cellist Debra Lonergan, and cornettist Kiri Tollaksen. 4 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division. Free. 944-0243.

*Stilyagi Air Corps Book Club: Nicola's Books. All invited to discuss Wyrd Sisters, Terry Pratchett's entertaining tale of 3 offbeat witches, the 6th novel in his hugely popular Discworld series. 4 p.m., Nico la's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. (313)

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"Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys": 40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. Prerelease screening of Meg LeFavre's 2001 tale of a gang of Catholic schoolboys in 1974 Savannah who get nabbed while drawing an obscene comic book. In the hope of becoming school legends, they plan revenge on the mean, one-legged nun (Jodie Foster) who busted them. Also, post-screening Q&A with LeFavre. 5 p.m., Michigan Theater. \$15. 995-5356.

The Chenille Sisters: The Ark. See 16 Saturday-

FILMS

40th Annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. See 10 Sunday Events listing. Winners screenings. Mich. 8 & 10 p.m. Sidebar Shows. "Portraits, Self-Portraits, and Still Lives" (George Manupelli, 1969). Disturbing, relentless study of the nature of portraiture by this film festival founder, a onetime U-M art professor. Mich., 8 p.m. "Vinyl" (Andy Warhol. 1965). This bizarre adaptation of Anthony Burgess's A Clockwork Orange-made 6 years before Kubrick's-includes dancing to the Martha and the Vandellas classic "Nowhere to Run." Mich., 10 p.m.

18 MONDAY

*"Parent Involvement and Children's Developmental Trajectories During the Transition to School: A Comparison of Asian American and European American Families": U-M Psychology Department. Talk by U-M Center for Research on Learning and Teaching teaching consultant Sue Rogala. Noon-1 p.m., East Hall room TBA, 525 East University. Free. 647-4952.

*"The Library's Electronic Resources": Ann Arbor District Library. March 18 & 20. Library staffers offer a 2-part tour of electronic resources

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Among fans of Cuban music, the city of Matanzas has long been known as a cultural mecca. Founded in 1693 by the Spanish as a port for the sugar cane industry, the city quickly became home to tens of thousands of African slaves. Today Matanzas is a stronghold of African culture in the Americas. Los Muñequitos de Matanzas, founded in 1952, are now Cuba's national ambassadors of rumba.

Performances by this troupe of fifteen singers, dancers, and drummers are like living lessons in 500 years of Afro-Cuban history. This show is their first visit to Ann Arbor since a sold-out show at Power Center in 1998. That performance, in typical Muñequitos form, dazzled the audience with a scorching blend of artistry and athleticism. As is customary in Cuba, their concert opened with an invocation of African Yoruba and Abacua orishas (deities) accompanied by the bata (a two-headed drum), congas, claves (rhythm sticks), and cajones (wooden boxes). Originally makeshift instruments (empty codfish containers) played by slaves when drums were banned by the Spanish, cajones are now an integral part of Cuban rumba.

Another Muñequitos trademark is a look at the evolution of rumba, and the 1998 show was no exception. The group wowed the audience with a series of flirtatious and athletic dances, including the guaguanco, a dance contest in which the women try to "avoid" the sexually charged advances of the men. Their songs almost always open with the claves, the pair of rhythm sticks that set the tone and the pace for the music, followed by a series of calls and responses, starting with the chant to Ellegua, the orisha of the crossroads, who is always saluted first to "open" the ceremony. From there, layer after layer of flowing dresses begin to take on



new cylindrical shapes as the dancers twirl, flip, and spin. Their program for their show at Hill Auditorium on Friday, March 15, includes dances to Ogun (the orisha of war), Chango (the orisha of thunder and lightning), Yemaya (the river goddess), and others, all accompanied by the captivating singing and powerful percussion of the two-headed bata drum.

While many other styles of Cuban music and dance are familiar to American audiences (cha-cha, mambo, and salsa, for example), these rumba styles are rarely performed outside of Cuba. So, except for those who ignore the government's embargo on travel to Cuba, the Muñequitos give audiences a unique opportunity to witness, firsthand, five centuries of rootsy, authentic Afro-Cuban song and dance traditions.

—Dan Rosenberg

available at the library and on its website. 2 p.m., AADL West Branch, Westgate Shopping Center. Free, 994–1674.

*Lynn Plourde and Greg Couch: Nicola's Books. Author Plourde and illustrator Couch read from Spring's Sprung, their children's book about the rivalry of 3 sisters, March, April, and May. Also, signing. 3–5 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–4110.

*Embroiderers' Guild of America. Stitchers of all abilities invited to work on their projects, socialize, and learn about guild activities. 6:45 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free to visitors (\$30 annual dues), 426–3903.

*"The Creative Process Applied to Nontraditional Materials": Ann Arbor Women Artists. Talk by U-M art professor Ann Savageau. 7 p.m., Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. Free. 998–1123.

*"Fundamentals of Thematic Exhibiting": Ann Arbor Stamp Club. Slide-illustrated talk by American Philatelic Society member Philip Stager. Also, APS stamp order books available for perusal. Auction. door prize. All invited. 7:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. Free. 763–3391.

*"The Nature of Alaska": Michigan Botanical Club. Talk by U-M biology professor Larry Nooden. 6. 7:45 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Free. 971–6261.

*Arts Chorale: U-M School of Music. Alissa Mercurio conducts this U-M student vocal ensemble in a program TBA. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764–0594

Laura Love Band and Catie Curtis: The Ark. Double bill. Bassist Laura Love is a singer-song-writer whose songs blend sharp observation with mercurial moods and quirky phrasing. Her self-styled "Afro-Celtic" trio music is a taut, driving blend of Afro-Caribbean rhythms and resonant Celtic harmonies, and Love sings in a clear, piercing soprano. "Her songwriting is purposeful and solid, yet it is her rhythmic sense that is the force behind her compelling, gritty, and powerful songs," says

Sing Out! Curtis is a highly regarded singer-song-writer from Maine who lived in Ann Arbor for a few years in the early 90s. She writes engaging, down-to-earth songs about the pleasures and tragedies of ordinary life. She's also known for her expansive, soaring vocals, her percussive guitar style, and her musical blend of folk, blues, and pop. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$17.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticket-master outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation "Interior Vision Film Series." "Brazil" (Terry Gilliam, 1986). Today only. Disturbing Walter Mitty-like fable set in an offbeat, "retro-futuristic" dystopia. Michigan Theater, 7 p.m. Other Michigan Theater films TBA. U-M Hillel 23rd Annual Conference on the Holocaust. "A Place to Save Your Life: The Shanghai Jews" (Karen Shopsowitz, 1994). Today only. Absorbing documentary about the 17,000 European Jews who found refuge in Shanghai during WW II. FREE. 769–0500. 1324 East Hall (525 East University), 8 p.m.

19 TUESDAY

★2-Year-Old Storytimes: Ann Arbor District Library. Every Tuesday beginning March 19. Stories, rhymes, and songs for 2-year olds (accompanied by an adult). 9:30–10 a.m., AADL youth department story room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.

"Children's Tea & Story Time": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Kids 3–5 (accompanied by a paying adult) can sip herbal tea and munch treats while listening to botany-related and other nature stories in the conservatory. Also, a botanical craft and a take-home teacup. 10–11 a.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. \$5. 998–7061.

*"The Top Environmental Issues in the Ann Arbor Area": Ann Arbor Area League of Women

Voters. Talk by Ecology Center executive director Mike Garfield. Bring a bag lunch. Noon, Michigan League room 4. Free. 665–5808.

★"Greek Feast: An Overview of Greek Culture": U-M Center for European Studies "Taste of Europe." Talk by U-M modern Greek adjunct professor Artemis Leontis. Bring a bag lunch. Noon, 1644 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 647–2743.

★U-M Baseball vs. Bowling Green. Home opener. U-M baseball is a very popular spectator sport: tickets are cheap (free for nonconference games) and always available, the level of play is very high, and Ray Fisher Stadium—one of the few northern university parks with enclosed bleachers—is a great place to watch a game. The crowds number between 500 and 800 early in the season, growing to 2,000 to 3,000 as the weather and the competition heat up. 3 p.m., Ray Fisher Stadium. Free. 764–0247.

*Drop-In Storytimes: Ann Arbor District Library. Every Tuesday beginning March 19. Stories, songs, and finger plays for kids ages 3–5. An adult must be present in the library but need not attend. Note: Drop-in storytimes are also offered every Tuesday, beginning today, at the West Branch (9:30–10 a.m. & 2–3:30 p.m.), Similar storytimes, with preregistration required, begin this week at the Loving (Tues. 7–7:30 p.m. & Wed. 10–10:30 a.m.) and Northeast (Thurs. 9:30–10 a.m. & 2–2:30 p.m.) branches. 4–4:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.

★Storytimes for Babies: Ann Arbor District Library. Every Tuesday beginning March 19. A storytime program for babies under age 2 (accompanied by a parent). The program features simple stories and other activities. Note: Beginning tomorrow, these storytimes are offered, with preregistration required, at the Loving Branch, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.—noon. 6:30–7:30 p.m., AADL youth department story room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.

"12th Annual Black/Jewish Freedom Seder": Washtenaw County Black/Jewish Coalition. This annual family-oriented event, which usually draws as many as 200 people, features an original Haggadah (a book of prayer and readings) recounting the stories of the emancipation of the Jews from slavery in Egypt and African Americans from slavery in the U.S. Activities also include an authentic Middle Eastern vegetarian dinner, songs and stories from both cultural traditions, and socializing. 6:30 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). \$15 (family, \$30). Reservations required. 971–0990.

★"Dialogue through Poetry": Riverside Arts Center. Fifteen to 20 local poets read original poems on the theme "Can Poetry Create a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence in the World?" Also, local musician Brian Tell performs spoken-word pieces to music by his band BDT, who play what Tell calls a "mishmash of folk, rock, and techno." Tonight's reading is one of 200 in 150 cities around the globe, part of a worldwide UN "Dialogue Through Poetry" event. 6:30–9:30 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Free, donation accepted. 480–2787.

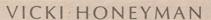
Ann Arbor Indoor Atlatl League: Michigan Atlatl Association. All invited to try their atlatl skills in 30-throw and 10-throw contests. *Atlatl* is a Nahuatl (Aztec) word for a Neolithic device used for throwing a spear or dart, a weapon that predates the bow and arrow by millennia. In Michigan, these weapons (under an unknown name) were used to kill mastodons and other large mammals. A limited number of loaner atlatls are available; bring your own if you have one. 7–8:30 p.m., Wilderness Archery, 297 N. Maple. \$7.913–6283, (810) 231–2314.

Women's Circle: Essence Point. All women invited to discuss spirituality, relationships, empowerment, metaphysics, and healing. Short meditation session. Also, bring divination tools, if you like. 7 p.m., Genesis Foundation (Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare's Episcopal Church), 2309 Packard. \$2.741-0478

★"20,000 Millimeters under the Sea": Sierra Club. EMU biology professor Gary Hannan gives a slide-illustrated talk about his Caribbean photographic tour. Refreshments. 7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free, 480-7751.

★"The Operation to Capture Adolf Eichmann": U-M Hillel 23rd Annual Conference on the Holocaust. Peter Malkin, a 27-year veteran of the Israeli espionage and counterterrorism agency Mossad, discusses the night in 1960 when he arrested the Nazi Adolf Eichmann. 7:30 p.m., East Hall, 525 East University. Free. 769–0500.

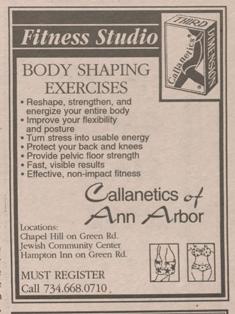
*Travel/Adventure Readers Group: Barnes & Noble. All invited to discuss a travel book TBA. 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.





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"The Dog Slam": Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. Eric Daniel hosts this recently added midmonth affair for those for whom the long-standing 1st Tuesday (see 5 Tuesday listing) is not enough. It features open mike sessions and a variety of gimmicky slams, including theme slams, multiple-voice slams, stage prop slams,

wrestling hold slams, and the like. "So shed your restraint, collect those enscribbled bar napkins from your blazer pockets, and grace our stage with some poetry (or whatever loopy folderol you would like to fob off as such)," organizers urge. 8-11 p.m., Heidelberg Rathskeller, 215 N. Main. \$4. For information, call Larry Francis at 426-3451.

19 TUESDAY EVENTS continued

*Ben Schrank: Shaman Drum Bookshop. This acclaimed novelist, author of Miracle Man, reads from his new novel, Consent, a densely populated study of obsession, set in Manhattan, about a 31year-old grad student whose sexually explosive ro-mance with a domestic violence attorney is complicated by the suicide of his father. Signing, refreshments. 8 p.m., Shaman Drum, 315 S. State. Free. 662-7407.

Tallis Scholars: University Musical Society. Founded in 1978 by director Peter Phillips, this British a cappella choral ensemble has earned superstar status in the world of Renaissance music. The Tallis Scholars' exquisitely precise intonation and luxurious yet ethereal sound have awed fans world-wide and resulted in brisk sales of over 30 recordings. While the group's repertoire spans 200 years, its specialty is the music of English church composers. (The group takes its name from Thomas Tallis, the 16th-century "father of English cathedral music.") Tonight's program includes works by Tallis, Robert Parsons, Robert White, Christopher Tye, and John Taverner. 8 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium. Tickets \$40 in advance at the Michigan League and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or

"Tuesday Tickler": The Heidelberg Club Above. See 5 Tuesday. 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m.

Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA. The Underworld. "Anime Night." See 5 Tuesday. The Underworld, 9 p.m.

20 WEDNESDAY

"The Morning Edition": Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce. This popular monthly program features a buffet breakfast and a series of 5-minute updates from local business and community leaders. Speakers TBA. The program is videotaped for showing on cable channel 17. 7-8:45 a.m., Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd. \$25 (members, \$15). Preregistration requested. 214-0104.

"Frog and Toad": Wild Swan Theater. March This award-winning local children's theater presents its adaptation of Arnold Lobel's humorous, compassionate stories about these animal friends who stick together through thick and thin. Readers of Lobel's tales will recognize scenes such as Toad trying to hurry his garden along by reciting poetry to it, robins laughing at Toad's kite and telling him it will never fly, and Toad carrying lunch to Frog across the river on a turtle's back. Robin and turtle characters appear as whimsical puppets in this production geared toward kids ages 3-8. As with all Wild Swan productions, the performance is interpreted in American Sign Language. Audio description and backstage "touch" tours are available by prearrangement for blind audience members. Cast: Hilary Cohen and Sandy Ryder. 10:30 a.m., Washte-naw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets \$8 (children, \$6) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS. To arrange tours or audio description,

"Sprouts": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. A fun chance for preschoolers to learn about signs of spring. 1 p.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. \$5. 998-7061.

*"Egg Balancing": Downtown Home & Garden. Kids and adults invited to try to balance a raw egg on its end, a feat that, according to the widespread myth, can be accomplished only at the spring equinox. All successful egg-balancers receive a certificate of achievement, suitable for framing, and a pound of sunflower seeds. Eggs provided (and may be taken home afterwards). 2 p.m., DH&G, 210 S. Ashley. Free. 662-8122.

U-M Powwow Tradition and change

Asked to list their hometown's worldclass attractions, most Ann Arborites could easily rattle off several, but very few would name one of Ann Arbor's most remarkable annual events: the U-M Powwow.

Every March (March 29-31 this year), over 1,000 Native American singers, dancers, and artisans turn Crisler Arena into a celebration of native culture. For two and a half days, dancers shuffle, stomp, and whirl across the Crisler floor. Wearing feathered and beribboned regalia, they compete for prize money and pride. A dozen drum groups, recruited from across North America, pound enormous drums and sing magnificent, uncanny songs. And in the hallway of the arena's outer ring, craftspeople sell products ranging from Indian kitsch (a big seller last year was a T-shirt that read "FBI: Full-Blooded Indian") to highly accomplished sculptures and beadwork.

Many participants are quasi-professional. They travel in vans from powwow to powwow, making friends along the way and earning enough in prize money to sustain their habit. And although powwows take place all over the continent-some composed of just a few people, others huge-the U-M Powwow is among the best. It's big and it's festive, and the organizers consistently bring in the best native musicians available, who in turn draw the best dancers.

For nonnative spectators, the joy of attending the powwow is twofold. First, there's the pageantry. Each of the four separate sessions kicks off with a Grand Entry, an enormous spectacle, led by native veter ans bearing flags, in which all the participants march into the arena. They're followed by the dancers, ranging in age from four to ninety and dancing to the insistent pounding of the drum groups: women in shimmering Jingle Dresses or colorful shawls, men in buckskin and feathers or wearing phosphorescent Fancy Feather regalia.

The second joy of the powwow is simply hanging out and people-watching. With so many participants, there is no "backstage." Entire families deck themselves out for dances right up in the audience's seats. They

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duct-tape leggings to their calves and braid ribbons into their hair. A man in black and yellow face paint, an enormous feather bustle, and headphones sings along with his rap music. The emcee cracks terrible jokes over

This is a glimpse of native culturevibrant, contemporary, straddling the chasm between tradition and change—that never appears in the mainstream media. When firsttime spectators arrive, they often walk around gingerly, afraid of violating some taboo or giving offense. But sooner or later they realize they can relax. They find a seat among the suitcases and blankets and feathers, they gape for a while, and pretty soon you can see them nodding along with the steady drum beat, enjoying the show

-John Lofy

*3rd Annual Career JAM Information Fair: Washtenaw Community College. All middle and high school students and their parents invited to learn about career options that do not require a bachelor's degree. Participants can try hands-on displays and talk with industry reps. 4-8 p.m., WCC Morris J. Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 973–3676.

"Displaced People and Alien Histories": U-M Program in the Comparative Study of Social Transformations. Lecture by Rutgers University history professor Indrani Chatterjee. 4-6 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 936-1595.

*"Mommie Queerest: Joan Crawford and Gay Male Subjectivity": U-M College of Literature, Science, & the Arts. Lecture by David Halperin, in conjunction with his appointment as U-M W. H. Auden collegiate professor of English. Reception fol-4:10 p.m., Michigan Union Pendleton Room (2nd floor). Free. 994-6244.

*"Drummunity" Drum Circle. Local drummer Lori Fithian leads a fun, informal drum circle. Bring your drum. 7-9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 116 S. Main. Free. 426-7818.

"Fungus among Us: The Hidden Kingdom": U-M Exhibit Museum/Ann Arbor Art Center "The Nature of Art & Science." Former Zinger man's cheese manager Matthew Morgan and U-M Herbarium fungi curator Robert Fogel, developer of the award-winning website "Fun Facts about Fungi," discuss their specialties and the connections between them. Cheese samples served. Q&A. 7-8 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, North University at Geddes Ave. Free. 764-0478.

*"Dinosaurs and Other Friends: Paleo Puzzles" U-M Exhibit Museum/Ann Arbor District Library. See 2 Saturday. 7–8 p.m., AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Preregistration required

*Poetry Series: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tea Room. See 6 Wednesday. Reading by H. Robertson Titus, a Manchester poet, fiction writes and essayist whose latest work, Poison, is an unput lished collection of poems exploring themes of lov fidelity, family, and religious influence. Followed by discussion and (time permitting) open mike read ings. 7-9:30 p.m.

*Israel Coffee Talk: U-M Hillel. All invited 10 chat and ask questions about the situation in Israelp.m., Hillel, 1429 Hill. Free. 769–0500.

*Jim Gladstone: Liberty Borders. This Philad phia writer reads from his debut novel The Big Book of Misunderstanding, a wry tale about 2 teenage whose coming-of-age jolts their parents out of theil own arrested adolescence. Also, signing. 7 p.m. Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652

"Spontaneous Combustion": The Neutral Zone This showcase of local youth talent features must poetry, and original short plays. Performers include the ska band 10 Times Fast, the alternative rock band Voodoo Lighthouse, the Spirit of Africa Drummers, poets from the VOLUME Poetry Prof ect, actors from the Building Bridges drama group and others. Guest performers include the popular local funk-oriented jazz-rock band Funktelligence and award-winning Chicago poet Regie Gibson. p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$10 (students, \$5) in advance and at the door. 214-9995.

*"Ageing and Sexing Birds in the Hand": Washtenaw Audubon Society. Talk by U-M Dearborn River Rouge Bird Observatory avian research supervisor Julie Craves, author of Birds of Southeast Michigan. All invited. 7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 994-6287.

*"The Oxbow Site": Michigan Archaeological Society. Alma College archaeology professor Scott Beld discusses this Midland County site. 7:30 p.m., 2011 U-M Modern Languages, E. Washington at Thayer. Free. 995-8806.

*Poetry Group: Barnes & Noble. All poets invited to bring samples of their work for the group to critique. Hosted by local poet Lawrence Thomas. 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free.

Pub Domain: The Ark. Energetic young Irish quin-let that plays traditional and original ballads, songs. and reels. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$11 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"Epigraph for a Condemned Book": Da Camera of Houston (University Musical Society). This Houston arts group, led by pianist Sarah Rothenberg, presents its multimedia exploration of *Les fleurs du* mal. Charles Baudelaire's classic collection of poems exploring modern urban psychological and moral decadence. Condemned as obscene upon publication in 1857, the book is now treasured for the brilliance of its language, the often obscure power of its imagery, and its unsettling fusion of intense eroticism and intense spirituality. Tonight's show sets readings (in English) to short musical works by the poet's Parisian contemporary, Chopin, and video projections by Christopher Kondek, known for his work with Laurie Anderson. Related free event: U-M French and comparative literature professor Ross Chamber leads a group discussion on March 12 of French literature (7 p.m., Michigan League Koessler Room). 8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets \$20–\$38 in advance at the Michigan League and (if available) at e door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or

Kristin Korb: Bird of Paradise. Ann Arbor debut of this young West Coast jazz bassist and vocalist, a protegee of the great Ray Brown, who produced her debut CD. Her bass playing is known for its authorily and swinging propulsion, and her lyrical, flexible vocal style has provoked comparisons to Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan. "I've never heard anyone scat quite that fast! She has great feeling—very musical," says Brown. Korb is accompanied by the local duo of pianist Ellen Rowe and drummer Tim Froncek. 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Bird of Paradise, 306 S. Main. Tickets \$10 (students with 1D, \$7) in advance and at the door. 971-8300 (noon-6 p.m.), 662-8310 (after 6 p.m.).

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Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA. U-M Michigan League. "Lara Crost: The Tomb Raider" (Lawrence Gordon, 2001). Video showing of film adaptation of the popular shoot-'em-up video game. Angelina Jolie, Jon Voight, FREE, League Underground, 911 North University, 8 p.m.

21 THURSDAY

*"Korean Day": International Neighbors. Korean members of the club demonstrate and discuss some of their cultural traditions. All area women invited. International Neighbors is a 43-year-old group of local women organized to welcome women from other countries during their stays in Ann Arbor. Nursery care provided for preschoolers. Refreshments. 9:30–11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church Piper Hall, 1501 W. Liberty. Free, 302–1245.

*Teaching the Music of Debussy": Ann Arbor Area Piano Teachers Guild. Talk by MSU piano Professor Deborah Moriarty. 10 a.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 647–4301.

"Frog and Toad": Wild Swan Theater. See 20 Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

The Euro: Political and Economic Prospects for Europe's New Currency": U-M Center for European Studies. Talk by University of New Orleans political science professor Eric Frey. Noon, 1644 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 647-2743.

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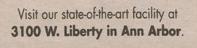
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21 THURSDAY EVENTS continued

Lewis, Fullscope marketing programs director Sondra Bobroff, and Marr Professional Development Corporation owner Joe Marr. All invited. 5 p.m. (registration), 5:30 p.m. (meeting), Holiday Inn North Campus, 3600 Plymouth Rd. \$15 (members, free). 214-0104.

★"Travels with My Brother": U-M Center for Judaic Studies. Screening of Rami Kimchi's 1997 documentary about 2 estranged brothers who try to determine the point where they diverged from their childhood closeness. Also, screening of excerpts from Cinema Egypt, Kimchi's documentary about his Egyptian-born mother. Followed by Q&A with Kimchi. 5-7 p.m., location TBA. Free. 763-9047.

*Stephanie Rowden: U-M School of Art and Design. Talk by this installation artist. 5 p.m., Art and Architecture auditorium, 2000 Bonisteel, North Campus. Free. 764-0397.

*David Bradley: U-M English Department Visiting Writers Series. Fiction reading. 5 p.m., U-M Business School Hale Auditorium, 701 Tappan.

★Gallery Talk: GalleryOne (Washtenaw Community College). Talk by U-M and WCC art professor Jon Onye Lockard. In conjunction with the gallery's exhibit (see Galleries) of works by African American artist William Johnson. 6 p.m., WCC Student Center GalleryOne, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 477-8512.

★Family Drop-In Storytimes: Ann Arbor District Library. Every Thursday beginning March 21. Storytelling programs for all ages. 7-7:30 p.m., AADL youth department story room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-8301.

★3rd Thursday Book Club: Nicola's Books. All invited to discuss *Island*, Aldous Huxley's meditation on an earthly Utopia. 7 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662–4110.

*Ann Arbor Society for Origami. All invited (children and adults) to learn about and try their hand at origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. 7-9:30 p.m., Church of the Good Shepherd, 2145 Independence (off Packard). Free. 434-5152.

*"Paul Laurence Dunbar": Liberty Borders. University of Dayton poet-in-residence Herbert Martin appears as this 19th-century African American poet and reads from In His Own Voice, the collection of Dunbar's works that Martin coedited. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

*"Field Trip to Community Television Network": American Association of University Women. All invited to join AAUW members to investigate the hidden workings of this local public access cable TV station. 7:30 p.m., CTN, 425 S. Main. Free. 973-6287.

*Craig Holden: Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor. This mystery writer from Tecumseh, the author of the nationally acclaimed The Jazz Bird, discusses his writing career and the inspiration behind it. 7:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner School, 2772 Newport Rd. Free. 995-4141

★"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library. See 2 Saturday. Today: The Crucible, Arthur Miller's classic play about the Salem witch trials. 7:30–8:30 p.m., AADL Northeast Branch, Plymouth Mall, 2713 Plymouth Rd. Free. Preregistration required. 996-3180.

B. B. King: U-M Office of Major Events. This legendary bluesman's career spans half a century, from his beginnings as a Memphis DJ and his 1951 R&B hit "Three o'Clock Blues" to his induction into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in 1987 and beyond. He's a compelling, prolific lyricist and composer, a spine-tingling, deep-souled vocalist, and perhaps the most inventive and resourceful blues guitarist ever. Like the late Louis Armstrong, he enjoys an appeal that transcends musical categories-but to most Americans, indeed to most people around the world, he is the blues. King has just released 2 CDs, B. B. Boogie and Classic Masters. 7:30 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$20-\$40 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. 763-TKTS.

"A Glitch in Time": Thurston Community Players. March 21-23. Phil Zaret directs Thurston Elementary School parents and friends in the school's 28th annual original play. This year's show is a whimsical musical comedy about a science fair gone horribly wrong. When little Penelope Birkenstock tries to demonstrate her time-travel science fair project, she finds that nearby port-a-potties-hastily installed after a renegade crocodile slithered into the school's plumbing-have become time-travel portals to ancient Egypt, medieval England, and Wood-

stock. The Players are Ann Arbor's oldest original musical theater group. Cast: Deb Wood, Amy Mees Steve Geiringer, and Adam Berkaw. 7:30 p.m. Clague Middle School auditorium, 2616 Nixon. \$7 (children 12 & under and students, \$4) at the door.

*"Sailing and Windsurfing Clothing": U-M Sailing Club. Talks by club members Jim Rennell and Jeremy Herr. 7:45 p.m., 120 Dennison Bldg., 50 East University. Free. 426-4299.

★Leslie Tung: EMU Music Department. This Kalamazoo College music professor performs a program of Beethoven works on the fortepiano. 8 p.m. EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at E. Circle Dr., Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

*Campus Philharmonia Orchestra: U-M Music School. Rachel Lauber conducts this music-studen ensemble in works by Prokofiev, Grieg, Lully, an Brahms. 8 p.m., U-M Music School McIntosh The ater, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0583.

Beausoleil: The Ark. Led by fiddler Michael Doucet, Beausoleil is one of the most influential bands in the revival of interest in the Cajun music of French Louisiana. Its repertoire includes everything from Cajun, Creole, and medieval French music to zydeco, New Orleans jazz, island rhythms, and Southern boogie. A big favorite with local audi ences. Dance floor available. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S Main. Tickets \$18.50 in advance at Borders on Lib erty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"Colors of the Mind": U-M Dance Department M.F.A. Thesis Concert. March 21-23. Origin choreography by U-M dance grad students Mary Farris, Beth Wielinski, and Michael Woodberry Means. Farris's No Time to Hate examines the fects of negativity and indifference in daily life Wielinski's untitled group work explores the relationship between memories and the body. Woodber-ry-Means's untitled piece, set to excerpts from the Hannibal sound track, explores the realities of addiction. 8 p.m., U-M Dance Dept. Betty Pease Studio Theater, 1310 North University Ct. \$5 at the door

"La Cenerentola": U-M Opera Theater. March 21-24. Visiting director Nicolette Molnar directs opera students in Rossini's 2-act comic opera, a version of the Cinderella story that dispenses with the magical elements of the traditional fairy tale. lighthearted situations are frivolous, the dialogues whimsical, and above all the score bubbles, pops and fizzes," says opera critic T. LeRoy Perreira p.m., Lydia Mendelssohn Theater. Tickets \$15 & \$20 (students, \$7) at the Michigan League Box Of fice in advance and at the door. To charge by phone call 764-0450

*"The Possibilities": U-M Basement Arts The ater. March 21–23. Cara Gabriel and Deanna Ross direct U-M students in Howard Barker's series of 10 powerful vignettes depicting examples of evil in so-ciety. Evening time TBA, Arena Stage (Frieze base ment), 105 S. State. Free. 764-6800.

"The Lucky Spot": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 14 Thursday, 8 p.m.

"The White Rose": Performance Network Professional Season. See 14 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. See 7 Thurs

Willie Barcena: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase March 21–23. This L.A. comic is known for his mild, friendly, but fresh and clever observational and topical humor. He's a frequent guest on the *Tonigh* Show, and Jay Leno likes him so much, he hired him for a regular spot as a roving reporter. On Thursdays the headliner is preceded by as many as 6 rookid comics; on weekends the headliner is preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all 8 p.m. Friday shows are nonsmoking shows. 8 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. \$7 (Thurs.) & \$9 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, \$10 (Thurs.) & \$12 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996-9080.

★U-M Michigan League "Spotlight Thursday." Performances by U-M student a cappella choruse: TBA. 8:30 p.m., Michigan League 911 North University. Free. 763-4652.

Studebaker John & the Hawks: Firefly Club-Modern Chicago blues by this band led by singer and blues harpist Studebaker John. The band recently released its 4th Blind Pig CD, Time Will Tell. 8 p.m.-midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley. Tickets \$12 in advance and al the door. 665-9090.

Bahamadia: The Blind Pig. This influential New York City hip-hop MC is accompanied by a DJ. 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Cover charge TBA. 996-8555.

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Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA.

22 FRIDAY

*Robot Competitions: FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Great Lakes Regional. March 22 & 23. Teams from more than 56 area high schools bring their homemade robots, ranging from gangly Rube Gold-berg contraptions to sleek predatory machines, to battle each other in contests in which each robot atlempts to wrestle its opponent into a goal. 9:20 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Mar. 22) and 9:20 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m. (Mar. 23), EMU Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt, Ypsilanti. Free. (800) 871–8326.

*"Censoring Feminism": U-M Institute for Research on Women and Gender. A day of talks by U-M and visiting scholars on "Feminisms Today: Liberating or Censoring?" (10 a.m.), "Women's Rights as Human Rights" (noon), and "Feminisms and Globalization" (3 p.m.). 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 4448 East Hall, 525 East University. Free. 764–9537.

"Frog and Toad": Wild Swan Theater. See 20 Wednesday. 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

NCAA West Regional: U-M Ice Hockey. March 22 & 23. The 2 top-seeded teams in this 6-team re-Stonal have a bye today and play the winners of to-day's games tomorrow. The winners of tomorrow's games qualify for the Final Four. 4 & 8:30 p.m. Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State at McKinley, \$60 includes all 4 games, 764–0247.

Psychic Fair: Psychic Visions Network. See 8 Fri-

*Family Reading Grand Celebration: Ann Arbor District Library. A family-oriented storytelling program. Ice cream. For kids age 3' & up. 7–8 p.m.. AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327–8301.

*Teddy Richards: Liberty Borders. Rock 'n' roll singer-guitarist, the son of soul legend Aretha Franklin. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty, Free. 677-6948.

*Adam Brooks Dudding: Arborland Borders. Bluegrass, folk, and blues by this local singer-song-writer. 7 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6948.

Greg Brown: The Ark. A former regular on A Prairie Home Companion, Brown is best known for The lowa Waltz" and other gruffly expressive, down-to-earth tributes to midwestern life and true love. His well-crafted songs have been recorded by artists as diverse as Willie Nelson and Carlos Santana, and he has also composed settings for the poetry of William Blake. He's an engaging, at times mesmerizing performer, with a deep voice that one critic calls a "gravel-floored basement full of memo-Opening act is Karen Savoca, a folk-rock singersongwriter known for her elusive mix of melodic beauty and funkiness, who plays congas and sings in a voice that's been called "veiled and mysterious, beaded and tie-dye bluesy, like an angel assigned to nightclub guardian duty for a good portion of eternity." She is accompanied by guitarist Peter Heitzman 7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$17.50 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, and all the state of the state o other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.

"The Red Balloon": Ann Arbor Young Actors Guild. March 22–24. Quinn Strassel directs young local actors in Anthony Clark's adaptation of Albert Lamorisse's poignant 1956 film about a young Parisian boy and the mysterious balloon that teases and befriends him. 7:30 p.m., Ryan Cook Theater, 111 E. Mosley. Tickets \$6 (students, \$4) in advance and at the door, 913–9800.

"A Glitch in Time": Thurston Community Players. See 21 Thursday. 7:30 p.m.

4th Friday Fling Advanced Contra Dance. Fast-Dated, occasionally complex dances for experienced contra dancers. Minimal walk-throughs. Peter Baker calls to live music by the Contrapreneurs (Paul Winder, David Orlin, Marty Somberg, and Debbie Jackson). 8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of 1-94). \$10. 665–8863.

*"The Consolation of Poetry": U-M Center for the Education of Women. March 22 & 23. Ann Arborite Barbara Neri appears as Victorian poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning, bedecked in period clothes, to read from Browning's poems, against a projected backdrop of photographed scenes from Browning's life. The evening's highlight is Neri's boldly revisionist reading of the old chestnut, Browning's son-net "How Do I Love Thee?" 8 p.m., U-M Media Union, 2281 Bonisteel Blvd., North Campus. Free.

*Lenten Vespers: First Presbyterian Church. See 1 Friday. Tonight's performers: local organists Charles Kennedy and Brendan Szafron and the Gregorian Choir, the church's men's choir. 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free.

Billy Jonas: Green Wood Coffee House Series (First United Methodist Church). Self-styled "junkadelic folk" by this pop-folk singer-songwriter from Asheville, North Carolina, whose songs set witty, verbally playful lyrics to a blend of African, hip-hop, and juke-joint vocal rhythms that he ac-companies on guitar and a variety of found objects, including pots, pans, and a pogo stick. He recently released his debut solo CD, Life So Far. 8 p.m., FUMC Green Wood Church, 1001 Green Rd. at Glazier Way. \$10 (kids 10 & under, 2 for the price of 1) in advance and at the door. 662-4536,

Alfrelynn Roberts: Arbor Opera Theater. This soprano from the acclaimed Moses Hogan Singers is accompanied by AOT pianist Shawn McDonald. 8 p.m., Vitosha Guest Haus, 1917 Washtenaw. Tickets (price TBA) in advance and at the door. 332–9063.

The Canadian Brass: EMU Office of Campus Life. This world-famous brass quintet charms audiences of all ages with its blend of classical and popular music and witty commentary. The group's programs span everything from Bach to Dixieland to original pieces like "A Tribute to the Ballet," a paro-dy that purports to present highlights of the world's greatest ballets, all from the viewpoint of orchestra pit players who never see the dancers. The players are top-notch musicians and top-notch entertainers whose attitude is summed up in tubist Charles Daellenbach's comment that "a good performance isn't enough—people have to go out feeling happy." 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Tickets \$16 & \$22 in advance and at the door, 487-2282.

58 Greene. Concert by this U-M a cappella group. 8 p.m., Michigan Theater. Cost TBA. 763–1107.

"Colors of the Mind": U-M Dance Department M.F.A. Thesis Concert. See 21 Thursday. 8 p.m.

'La Cenerentola": U-M Opera Theater. See 21

*"The Possibilities": U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 21 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

"The Lucky Spot": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 14 Thursday, 8 p.m.

"The White Rose": Performance Network Professional Season. See 14 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. See 7 Thurs-

U-M Comedy Company. March 22 & 23. An evening of improv and original skit comedy by this riotous U-M student comedy troupe. 8 p.m., Michigan Union U-Club. \$5 (students, \$3). 764-1107.

Willie Barcena: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 21 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

David "Fathead" Newman: Bird of Paradise. March 22 & 23. This legendary tenor saxophonist is backed by the Ron Brooks Trio, a mainstream jazz ensemble that's led by bassist (and Bird owner) Brooks. Newman was a member of Ray Charles's band, and the jazz recording Charles made with that band—aptly titled Ray Charles Presents David New-man—is most distinguished for what one fan calls Newman's "fast, driving, harmonically surprising, melodic, precisely articulated solos." 9 & 11 p.m., Pind of Paradise, 306 S. Main, Tickets \$20 (students Bird of Paradise, 306 S. Main. Tickets \$20 (students with 1D, \$15) in advance and at the door. 971–8300 (noon-6 p.m.), 662-8310 (after 6 p.m.).

Yonder Mountain String Band: The Blind Pig. This highly regarded acoustic bluegrass quartet from Boulder, Colorado, blends the high lonesome harmonies and fast-paced picking of traditional blue-grass with a penchant for extended jams. The grass with a penchant for extended jams. The group's repertoire is a mix of originals with bluegrass and folk standards. Opening act TBA. 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Tickets \$10 in advance at the 8-Ball Saloon (beneath the Blind Pig), the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; \$12 at the door. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666; for information, call 996-8555.

FILMS

M-Flicks. "Office Space" (Mike Judge, 1999). Irreverent parody of soulless corporate culture centers on 3 itchy computer programmers unwilling to be cogs in the machine. Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston. FREE. 763-1107. 1200 Modern Languages Building, 8 p.m. Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA. U-M Center for Chinese Studies. "Woman Soup" (Emily Liu, 1999). Story of the bonds of friendship that develop among 4 well-edu-



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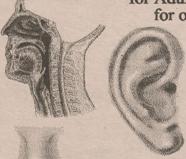
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22 FRIDAY EVENTS continued

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23 SATURDAY

"10th Annual Spring Gallup": Ann Arbor Jaycees. TAC-sanctioned 5 km run and a 5 km noncompetitive walk through Gallup Park. Also, a 440 m kids fun run. Awards for overall male and female winners, and for male and female winners in various age divisions. Proceeds to benefit the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan. Registration begins at 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. (race & walk) & 10:30 a.m. (kids fun run), Gallup Park. Entry fee: \$15 by March 12, \$20 after March 12 and day of race. Entry forms available at local running stores. 663-9507, 975-2838,

48th Annual Flea Market: Ann Arbor Women's City Club. A giant sale of antiques, collectibles, baskets, books, crafts, flowers, jewelry, toys, games and pink and white elephant items. Baked goods available. Arrive early: every year, several hundred people gather outside before the doors open. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free admission. 662-3279.

21st Annual Audree Levy Spring Art Fair. March 23 & 24. Organized by former Ann Arborite Audree Levy (who now lives in Dallas), this twice-yearly 2 months earlier than usual this year, remains one of the most popular events in town and a herald-ed event on the national art fair circuit. Features juried artworks by 137 artisans, at prices ranging from \$5 to \$1,000. You'll find traditional and contemporary paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, clothing, leather, photography, blown glass, and more. Food concessions. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (Mar. 23) & 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (May 24), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Admission \$3 (children 9 and under, free). 995-7281.

"Antique and Contemporary Art Tile Fair": Pe-wabic Pottery. Show and sale of gorgeous, unique ceramic tiles, trivets, and tile-decorated tables, handmade by artists from around the country. Also, free appraisals of antique tiles, and tile installation demos. Door prizes. Silent auction. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. \$3. (313) 822–0954.

*Volunteer Stewardship Workday: Ann Arbor Parks Department. See 16 Saturday. Today: a trip to Brown Park to help spruce up the trails. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Brown Park (meet in the parking lot at the Packard Rd. entrance between Stone School Rd. and Platt Rd.). Free. 996-3266.

*Spring Lecture Series: Downtown Home & Garden. March 23 & 30. Today: U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens assistant curator David Michener signs copies of Ground Covers, the new Taylor guide he coauthored, and answers gardening questions. Also this month: Joe Wissing talks about his 13-acre wildflower farm. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., DH&G, 210 S. Ashley. Free. 662-8122

"Seed Starting Made Easy": Project Grow. Project Grow members select, germinate, and sow seeds of all types. Participants start some seeds to take home. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Leslie Science Center children's garden, 1831 Traver Rd. \$7 (family, \$12).

*Newbery Readers Group: Barnes & Noble. All oung readers ages 8-13 invited to discuss Bud, Not Buddy, Christopher Curtis's 1999 Newbery Medal-winning tale, set in the 1930s, about the adventures of a 10-year-old orphan runaway searching for a man he believes is his father. 10:30 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

*"Redefining Censorship Revisited: Gender-Based Censorship in the Media": U-M Institute for Research on Women and Gender. Talks by Working Assets Radio talk show host Laura Flanders, Women's Enews editor-in-chief Rita Jensen, The Nation columnist Katha Pollitt, and freelance journalist Ameera Javed. 10:30 a.m.-noon, 4448 East Hall, 525 East University. Free. 764-9537.

*Barbara Delano: Ann Arbor Art Center. This Pace Prints Gallery associate director discusses the art print market and the qualities found in a good print. 11 a.m.-noon, Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. Free. 994-8004, ext. 104.

"Frog and Toad": Wild Swan Theater. See 20 Wednesday. 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

8th Annual "Fiber Feast": Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild. Brunch and a juried fashion show whose theme is "Show Your Colors." Members model their spectacular handwoven, pieced, and embellished fashions whose colors evoke patriotism, such as pur-

ple ("mountains' majesty"). Also, sale of baskets, clothing, dolls, jewelry, scarves, table linens, and more. The event sells out every year; get your tickets early. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn North Campus, 3600 Plymouth Rd. Tickets \$20 in advance

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*"Make and Take Bug Craft": The Scrap Box. U-M nursing students sound the alarm on germs by showing how to make a take-home "bug." 1-4 p.m. The Scrap Box, 581 State Circle. Free. 994-0012.

*Parent/Child Book Discussion: Ann Arbor District Library. Book discussion group led by AADL staff for 2nd- and 3rd-graders and their parents. Today: The Hundred Dresses, Eleanor Estes's novel about 2 girls who tease a classmate who wears the same dress to school every day. 2 p.m., AADL Northeast Branch, Plymouth Mall, 2713 Plymouth Rd. Free. Preregistration required. 996-3180.

*"North American Herbs as Medicinal Supports": Nicola's Books. Talk by local chiropractor Kathy Guerreso. 2 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662-4110.

"The Red Balloon": Ann Arbor Young Actors Guild. See 22 Friday. 2 & 7:30 p.m.

Puppet Shows: Dreamland Theater. March 23 & 30. Local puppeteers Naia Venturi, Kirk Kitchen, and Geoff Rowland present 3 of their marionette musicals. Satisfaction Guaranteed is a dark comedy about a man on the verge of suicide who tries to find fulfillment in a bag of potato chips. Reality Incorpo-rated is about the daily grind of workers in the customer service department of Reality, and *Dirt* is a melodrama about love and dirt. 3 & 7 p.m., *Dream*and Theater, 44 E. Cross, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. \$5. 485-3454.

*"Dinosaurs and Other Friends: Paleo Puzzles": U-M Exhibit Museum/Ann Arbor District Library. See 2 Saturday. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Exhibit Museum, North University at Geddes Ave. Free. Preregistration required, 764-0478.

*"Spring Equinox Ritual": Druids of Shining Lakes Grove. All invited to celebrate this anciet Celtic Druidic festival honoring nature spirits (especially Ana, goddess of the Huron River) by singing (songsheets provided), dancing, and blessing seeds. Also, child care, raffle, and potluck (bring a dish to pass). 5-8 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill. Free. 487-4931.

"Latin Leap & Silent Auction": Rudolf School of Ann Arbor. Dancing to Los Gatos, a classy local Latin jazz band, led by drummer Pete Siers, that specializes in the music of Cal Tjader, the late San Francisco vibes player who ignited the 1950s mambo craze. Latin dance lessons & demos. Also, silent auction of donated goods and services. 6:45 p.m. Travis Pointe Country Club, 2829 Travis Pointe Rd. \$25 & \$75 in advance only. 995-4141.

52nd Annual "Bands in Review" Concert: Ann Arbor Public Schools. March 23 & 24. More than 800 public school students perform in this lively concert featuring middle school bands and ensembles from Pioneer and Huron high schools. $7\ p.m.$ (Mar. 23) & 3 p.m. (Mar. 24), Pioneer High School Schreiber Auditorium, 601 W. Stadium at S. Main-Tickets \$3 (family of up to five, \$8) in advance from band members, and at the door. 996-3210.

Jazz Benefit Dinner Dance: EMU Music Department. Dinner, followed by dancing to big-band mu sic by the EMU Jazz Ensemble and the Couriers, a popular local big band led by former Gene Krupa trombonist Al Townsend and featuring vocalist Lynn Raglin. Emcee is WEMU music director Linda Yohn. Proceeds benefit the EMU Al Townsend Endowed Scholarship in Jazz Studies. Cash bar. p.m.-midnight, EMU McKenny Union, Ypsilanti. Tickets \$45 (couples, \$85) in advance and at the

"A Glitch in Time": Thurston Community Players. See 21 Thursday. 7 p.m.

*"Owl Prowl": Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck presents a brief slide-illustrated talk on owls and leads a hike through the woods to call these birds. Weather permitting. 7:30 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. Free. (Park entry fee: \$3 per vehicle.) Preregistration required. 426-8211.

Lucy Kaplansky: The Ark. This acclaimed young singer-songwriter is known for her strong, fluid, ag ile voice and her wryly engaging blues- and country-flavored ballads. "Kaplansky's voice has a tender-

vulnerable, confessional quality, and she consistently uses it to her advantage in neatly tailored acoustic settings," says Washington Post reviewer Mike Joyce, 7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$13.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

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4th Saturday "Grange-Rockin' " Square and Contra Dance. Local caller Karen Missavage calls dances to live music by the Pittsfield Open Band. All dances taught. No partner necessary. 8–11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 milescott of 10.01.58 et the days 747, 8860.) mile south of 1-94). \$8 at the door. 747-8860.

*Tim Janis: Liberty Borders. This New Age com-Poser-pianist from Maine performs selections from his new CD, An American Composer in Concert. Also, signing. 8 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.

Harmonettes. This U-M student a cappella group's 16 women perform upbeat pop by Sarah McLachlan, Mariah Carey, Faith Hill, Ani DiFranco, George Michael, Sweet Honey in the Rock, and others. 8

P.m. Michigan Union Anderson Room. Tickets \$5 (tentative price) at the door only. Harmonettes@

Kopitonez. This U-M-student a cappella ensemble Performs wacky humorous skits and sings a program of songs in Mandarin, Japanese, Italian, and English that that include Yazoo's "Only You," the Corrs' "Breath-less," and Phil Collins's "You'll Be in My Heart." 8 P.m., location TBA. Tickets \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, steh@umich.edu.

15th Annual Amazin' Blue Spring Concert (U-M University Activities Center). This popular U-M coed vocal ensemble performs renditions of rock & Pop songs by the likes of the Ben Folds Five, Phish, Songs by the likes of the Berr Gos 1 He Berr Gos 1 He Indigo Girls, and Paul Simon. Finalists in the 1998 National Championship of College A Cappella at Carnegie Hall, the group has performed on camputation of the performed on camputation of the performed on the performance of t at Carnegie Hall, the group has performed on campuses across the country and released several recordings, including the recent CD Raising the Bar, which shot to #7 on the Mainely A Cappella top 10, the first college recording to do so. 8 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$8 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and on the door. To charge by phone, call lets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

Kate Eakin: Canterbury House, This U-M music student performs 20th-century oboe works ranging from traditional to avant-garde pieces. Proceeds benefit the Ann Arbor Hunger Coalition. 8 p.m., Canter bury House, 721 E. Huron, \$5 donation (students,

*Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra: EMU Music Department. This EMU organ professor performs Stations of the Cross, Marcel Dupre's powerful, wrenching setting of Paul Claudel's poetry. The performance is accompanied by readings of Claudel's poetry and slides. 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487–2255.

*"Michael Gould²": Kerrytown Concert House. A varied concert of ancient and modern tunes by the nominally redundant local duo of shakuhachi (Japanese bamboo flute) master Michael Gould, well known for his monthly U-M Museum of Art concens Michael Gould. The duo performs selections from its new CD. Tradition and Beyond. 8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$10, \$15, & \$25 (students, \$5). Reservations suggested. 769–2999.

Harry Belafonte: Ann Arbor Summer Festival Benefit. Concert by this perennially charismatic per-former. Born in Harlem to Jamaican parents, Bela-fonda. fonte made his name performing calypso-style tunes like "Matilda" and "Jamaican Farewell," and today no one can utter the famous opening notes of "Banana Boat" ("Day-O!") without thinking of the man who made it his signature song. As engaging and energetic today as he was when he burst onto the Amer-Ican music scene in the 1950s, Belafonte remains a charmer who delights audiences with his warm, rich voice and infectious enthusiasm. Benefit ticket purchasers may attend an afterglow champagne reception, 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$30-\$65 (benefit tickets, \$90) in advance only. 647–2278.

Twyla Tharp Dance: University Musical Society. March 23 & 24 (different programs). See review, p. 89. This 2-year-old dance company has won acclaim as the latest showcase for the work of Twyla Tharp, the pion of the programs in 1965 was the the pioneering choreographer who in 1965 was the first to fuse elements of modern dance and ballet. In her low her long run as one of America's premier choreogra-

phers, she's used the music of everyone from the Beach Boys and Jelly Roll Morton to Brahms, and her numerous Hollywood credits include choreography for *Hair, Ragtime*, and *Amadeus*. Tonight: the balletic, lyrical *Mozart Clarinet Quintet* features a pair and a trio of lovers at a sunny beach party frolicking to the beloved Mozart score. The second work is Surfer at the River Styx, a dark, driving work set to a clanky experimental percussion score by Donald Knaack. It is highlighted by a dynamic solo by ac-claimed company member John Selya that combines elements of martial arts, kabuki, boxing, and voguing. 8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets \$14-\$28 in advance at the Michigan League and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538, (800)

"Colors of the Mind": U-M Dance Department M.F.A. Thesis Concert. See 21 Thursday. 8 p.m.

*"The Consolation of Poetry": U-M Center for the Education of Women. See 22 Friday. 8 p.m.

★"The Possibilities": U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 21 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

"La Cenerentola": U-M Opera Theater. See 21

"The Lucky Spot": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 14 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The White Rose": Performance Network Professional Season. See 14 Thursday. 8 p.m

"Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. See 7 Thursday, 8 p.m.

U-M Comedy Company. See 22 Friday. 8 p.m.

Willie Barcena: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 21 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA. U-M Modern Greek Studies/Hellenic Student Association. "Vassiliki" (Vagelis Serdaris, 1997). Tragic drama, set in 1949 during Greece's civil war, about a doomed romance between the wife of a missing guerrilla and an army officer. Greek, subtitles. FREE. 222-0907. Lorch Hall auditorium (611

24 SUNDAY

*Sunday Discussion: Ann Arbor Jewish Cultural Society. All invited to discuss "Do I Have to Support Israel to Be a 'Real Jew'?" Coffee, nosh. 10 a.m.-noon, Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 975-9872

*"Easter Egg Scramble": Ann Arbor Jaycees. All parents invited to bring their kids ages 1-10 for an Easter egg hunt. Also, bake sale to raise money r the Jaycees Family AIDS Network. Rain date: March 30. 1 p.m., Veterans Park. Free. 913-9629.

Two of a Kind: The Ark. The nationally known, Philadelphia-based children's music duo of husband and wife David and Jenny Heitler-Klevans offer an interactive kid-oriented program of songs, stories, puppetry, and movement. Topics range from friendship and animals to conflict resolution and environmental issues. I p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$7 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

*"Research in the Thumb Area of Michigan": Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County. Talk by Michigan Genealogical Council president Marilyn Hebner and her daughter Diane Hebner. Followed by a class by club member Carolyn Griffin on "Civil War Military Research." 1:30 p.m., McAuley Health Center Education Center auditorium, 5305 Elliott Dr. (off E. Huron River Dr. at Clark Rd.). Use parking lot P and look for the club's signs. Free. 483–2799.

"Nocturnal Animals": Waterloo Natural History Association. Representatives from the Organization for Bat Conservation present an interactive program, with live animals, on the nature and habits of bats, owls, and other animals that come out at night. 2 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center lower parking lot, Bush Rd., Chelsea. (Take 1-94 west to exit 157, follow Pierce Rd. north to Bush Rd., and go west on Bush Rd. The Discovery Center is on the left.) \$2 (family, \$5; WNHA members, free). Preregistration required. \$4 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit (\$20 per year). 475–3170.

★"The Art of Buying Books on the Internet: New, Used, and Rare": Motte & Bailey, Book-sellers. Talk by Motte & Bailey co-owner Gene Al-loway. Refreshments. 2–3:30 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 111 E. Ann. Free. 669-0451.

★"The U-M Sindecuse Dental Museum": Washtenaw County Historical Society. Dental Museum

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*Ann Arbor Storytellers Guild. All invited to bring their own stories to tell or just listen to guild members swap stories. 2-4 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free, 971-5763.

Gender-Free Contra Dance: Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers. Traditional American folk dancing for people of all orientations. There are two distinct roles in contra dancing, one traditionally male and one female. In gender-free contra dancing, dancers take whichever position they like and with any partner they like. Robin Warner calls to music by the Pittsfield Open Band. No partner necessary. All dances taught; beginners welcome. Bring flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing. Followed by a potluck (bring a dish to pass). 2 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of 1-94). \$6 (AACTMAD members & students, \$5). 434-0953. (517) 372-4447.

*Faculty Recital: EMU Music Department. EMU music faculty TBA showcase their talents in a program of solo and ensemble music. 2 p.m., EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at E. Circle Dr., Yp-

"Killer Joe": Phoenix Productions. See 7 Thurs-

"The White Rose": Performance Network Professional Season. See 14 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"The Lucky Spot": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See

"La Cenerentola": U-M Opera Theater. Sec 21

"The Red Balloon": Ann Arbor Young Actors Guild. See 22 Friday. 2 p.m.

*"Yoga Workout for Kids": Learning Express. Jazzercise teacher Tammy Steele leads an introductory yoga workout for kids ages 6–11. 2:30–3:15 p.m., Learning Express, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. Space limited; preregistration required, 997-0707.

*Astrology Study Group of Washtenaw County. All invited to chat about astrology, trade information about newly published astrology books, and pore over natal charts (BYO). 3–5 p.m., location TBA. Free. 434-4555.

Japanese Tea Ceremony: U-M Museum of Art. Tea ceremony practitioners enact a traditional Japanese tea ceremony (25 minutes) in the museum's tea-house, followed by a discussion on the ritual's symbolism. This month's theme is "Spring Mist Blur-ring Distant Mountains." Preceded at 2 p.m. by lakuhachi (Japanese flute) music performed by Michael Gould. Arrive early for a seat. 3 p.m. UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. \$3 suggested donation. 764-UMMA.

*"Requiem for the Millennium": First Congregational Church. The Ann Arbor Digital Consort, the Liberty Brass Quintet, and the church's Chancel Choir join forces to perform this work by U-M music history professor James Nissen, in honor of the church. 155th appropriate 3 p.m. FCC, 608 E. church's 155th anniversary. 3 p.m., FCC, 608 E. William, Free. 662-1679.

Twyla Tharp Dance: University Musical Society. See 23 Saturday. Today: a reprise of Surfer at the River Styx. Also, the Sinatra Suites chart the doomed romantic trajectory of a dancing couple, set to classic Sinatra songs, and Westerly Rounds is an abstracted square dance shot through with ballet ele-

William Doppmann: Kerrytown Concert House. Recital by this internationally acclaimed local pianist, a U-M alum who has been compared to Vladimir Horowitz and other Romantic keyboard virtuosos. A Washington Post review hailed him as "an artist whose performance defies description or superla-tives." Doppmann is also a noted composer. Program: J. S. Bach's Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, Schumann's Scenes from Childhood, 2 Chopin mazurkas, Doppmann's toccata "In Nomine." and more. 4 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$10, \$15, & \$25. \$25 (students, \$5). Reservations suggested. 769-

*Society for Women Engineers Book Club. All invited to join a discussion of Why Things Bite Back: Technology and the Revenge of Unintended Consequences, Edward Tenner's study of attempts to solve problems with technology whose hidden design glitches wreak havoc. 6–8 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty, Free. 668–7652.

*Jonathan Kammer: Northside Community Church. This U-M saxophone student performs

Twyla Tharp Dance The art and joy of movement

Modern dance is a tricky term, often used as a catchphrase for nearly every nonclassical (read: nonballetic) theatrical dance style in Europe and America since the early twentieth century. Twyla Tharp challenges even that fragile distinction. The groundbreaking choreographer ignores the codified barriers between modern dance and ballet idioms to forge her own distinctive vocabulary based on versatility, musicality, and heart-stopping technical brilliance—not to mention piquant accessibility.

Tharp started out in the 1960s as a postmodernist, sharing that movement's experimental commitment to everyday steps like walking and an intellectualized, less-ismore aesthetic. But then she decided it was okay to dance-really dance-to music. In 1973 she set Deuce Coupe to a string of fourteen Beach Boys hits for the Joffrey Ballet. Tharp has been in impossibly high demand ever since, choreographing for ballet and modern dance companies alike, as well as, from 1965 to 1988, for her own troupe, the first incarnation of Twyla Tharp Dance. Her work is distinguished by a seamless and often surprising structure of pure movement: complex yet playful, rigorous yet harmonious. It's the kind of giddy dance charge that leaves you bouncing up the aisle afterward.

The reimagined Twyla Tharp Dance, assembled in summer 2000, is made up of topnotch talent from the American Ballet Theater, the Joffrey Ballet, and the New York City Ballet-two women and four men-all of whom contribute their own spirited interpretations and expansive technique to Tharp's inventive vernacular.

Both programs in Twyla Tharp Dance's two-day Power Center residency, on March 23 and 24, include two works choreographed specifically for this sextet. Surfer at the River

works by Ravel, Edison Denisov, and American

composer John Lennon. Kammer is accompanied by

U-M piano professor Kathryn Goodson and the

Ninth Circle Saxophone Quartet, an ensemble of

U-M saxophone students and recent grads. Followed

by reception. 6 p.m., Northside Community Church, 929 Barton Dr. Free. 945-0587.

*"Sephardic Gala Concert": Temple Beth

Emeth. The temple's 50-member ensemble per-

forms Sephardic songs in Hebrew, Ladino, French,

and English. Followed by a reception with Sephardic

foods. 7 p.m., Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard

*Annual Chorale Concert: Concordia Univer-

sity. Wendy Bloom leads the college's 30-member

chorale in Mack Wilberg's "The King of Love My

Shepherd Is," a Michael Haydn motet, a gospel

number with congas, music by Jane Marshall and Niccolo Zingarelli, and more. 7 p.m., Concordia

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House Concert: Chamber Music Ann Arbor. This

ensemble of U-M music faculty, other accomplished

local musicians, and guests continues its series of in-

timate concerts held in private homes. Tonight: the local ensemble of oboist Nancy Ambrose-King, bas-

soonist Richard Beene, and pianist Phillip Bush per-

forms trios by Francis Poulenc and Jean Francaix,

and Charles Loeffler's *Deux rhapsodies*. Followed by a wine and dessert reception. 7:30 p.m., location TBA. \$35 in advance only. 930–1960.

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Styx, an intense dance drama performed on both days, packs a sustained emotional punch aided by Donald Knaack's unconventional percussive score. According to Tharp, it's an examination of hubris loosely based on Euripides' Bacchae. But inhabiting this allegorical shell is signature Tharp: full-out physicality with a driving rhythm and beat. Her dancers attack the eclectic material with enthusiasm and attitude. Four costumed in black represent the river, while the two conflicted souls (one in surfer garb) perform athletic solos on their journey to the other side. Poignant and provocative, the piece concludes on a redemptive note.

It would be a shame not to see the smart new Twyla Tharp Dance before the current cast of dancers is reshuffled, or it grows into a grander style of company altogether. Take someone who claims to be unmoved by the expressive power of modern dance. Such preconceptions should be put to rest straight--Stephanie Rieke

25 MONDAY

*"Landon Carter's Uneasy Kingdom: Diary Narratives of a Virginia Plantation in Revolutionary Times, 1752-1778": U-M Institute for the Humanities. Lecture by Rhys Isaac, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian of the American colonial period. 4 p.m., U-M Clements Library, 909 South University. Free. 936-3518.

*"Legends of Broadway III: 1971-2001": Ann Arbor District Library. Local musical theater actors David Andrews and Emily Phenix present the 3rd installment in their popular series of shows tracing the origins of the American musical with an exploration of its postwar heyday. The program includes performances of songs from such hits as Les Miserables, A Chorus Line, Rent, and The Producers. Narration by Tim Grimes. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William, Free, 327-4560.

John Hiatt: Clear Channel Entertainment. Widely acclaimed by critics, fans, and his peers as one of the best contemporary songwriters, Hiatt is known for his blend of catchy tunes, pithy and often barbed lyrics, and a stylistic range that easily mixes folk, rock, country, and blues. His songs have been recorded by everyone from Bonnie Raitt and Bob Dylan to Iggy Pop, Aaron Neville, and Conway Twitty. He recently released a country-flavored acoustic CD, Crossing Muddy Waters, and the new Rolling into Memphis: The Songs of John Hiatt features covers of his songs by everyone from Odetta and Irma Thomas to C. J. Chenier. 7 & 9:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$35 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets, \$37 at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

*Jazz Lab Ensemble: U-M School of Music, Dennis Wilson conducts this U-M music-student ensemble in works TBA. 8 p.m., Lydia Mendelssohn Theater. Free. 764-0583.



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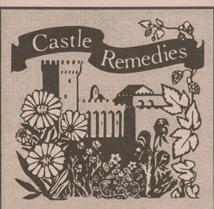
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Michigan Theater Foundation "Interior Vision Film Series." "Barton Fink" (Joel Coen, 1991). Today only. A bigshot New York playwright finds Hollywood more hellish than he'd imagined. John Turturro, John Goodman. Michigan Theater, 7 p.m. Other Michigan Theater films TBA.

26 TUESDAY

Easter Craft and Bake Sale: Northeast Senior Center. Sale of home-baked goods and a variety of handmade crafts made and sold by local seniors. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lobby G, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr. (off Earhart Rd. north of Plymouth Rd.). Free admission. 276–5896.

★"Lightness and Other Matters: Lessons from Italo Calvino's 'Six Memos for the Next Millennium'": U-M Center for European Studies "Taste of Europe." Talk by U-M European Union Center associate director Daniela Gobetti. Bring a bag lunch. Noon, 1644 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 647–2743.

★U-M Softball vs. Bowling Green. Season opener. 3 p.m., Alumni Field (behind Ray Fisher Stadium), S. State at Hoover. Free. 764–0247.

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 2 Saturday. Today: Team USA Under-17 vs. Compuware (Plymouth) of the North American Hockey League. 7 p.m.

★"Depression or Emotional Health?": Wholistic Doc. Lecture by local chiropractor Darren Schmidt. 7–8:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore, 114 S. Main. Free. 302–7575.

★"Modern Druidry": Druids of Shining Lakes Grove. Senior druid Rob Henderson discusses the Grove's practices. All invited. A good chance to learn about this local neopagan organization. 7–8:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. 697–2514.

★"The Brand-New House Book": Liberty Borders. Washington Post real estate columnist Katherine Salant reads from her guide to choosing a house. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–7652.

★Butterfly Survey Kickoff: Ann Arbor Parks Department Natural Area Preservation Division. A chance to learn about and volunteer to help with the city's upcoming annual survey of the various species of butterflies found in city parks. This meeting is required for prospective volunteers. 7:30–9 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. Free. Preregistration required for volunteers by March 22, 996–3266.

★"The Harlem Renaissance": GalleryOne (Washtenaw Community College). Talk by U-M art history professor Jacqueline Francis. In conjunction with an exhibit (see Galleries) of works by African American artist William Johnson. 7:30 p.m., WCC Student Center GalleryOne, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 477–8512.

*Wendy Wasserstein: U-M Theme Semester. This Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, perhaps best known for the *Heidi Chronicles*, discusses the creation of contemporary female identity in literary works and plays. 7:30 p.m., Michigan Theater. Free. 764–9537.

★John Hockenberry: U-M Libraries. Talk by this Emmy Award-winning *Dateline NBC* reporter who lost the use of his legs 26 years ago after a spinal cord injury. 7:30 p.m., Michigan Union Ballroom. Free. 936–3814.

*Jen Chapin and Easily Amused: The Ark "Take a Chance Tuesdays." Double bill. Chapin is an urban folk singer-songwriter from New York City who is known for her searching, soulful lyrics on a variety of personal and communal themes and for a vocal style that, according to Newsday, combines "the understated drama of Janis Ian with the cool, sultry, exuberant bebop of Rickie Lee Jones." She is accompanied by bassist Stephan Crump. Easily Amused is the Canadian folk-rock duo of singer-guitarists Renee Lamoureux and Keith Macpherson. Part of a monthly series of free concerts featuring lesser-known artists on the roster of the prestigious local management agency Fleming, Tamulevich & Associates. All encouraged to bring nonperishable food or money to donate to Food Gatherers. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 761–1451.

"Tuesday Tickler": The Heidelberg Club Above. See 5 Tuesday. 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA, \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668–8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA. The Underworld. "Anime Night." See 5 Tuesday. The Underworld, 9 p.m.

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27 WEDNESDAY

★"Easter Parade Potluck": Northeast Senior Center. All seniors invited to enjoy a potluck (bring a dish to pass). Preceded by a concert by the NES chorus and band (11:30 a.m.). Noon, Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. (off N. Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). Free (\$5 if you don't bring a dish). 276–5896.

★U-M Baseball vs. WMU. 3 p.m., Ray Fisher Stadium. Free. 764–0247.

*"Branch Shaping and Wiring": Ann Arbor Bonsai Society. Slide-illustrated talk by AABS member Cyril Grum. 7 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 747–6493.

★Gamelan Ensemble: U-M School of Music. This popular music school ensemble performs the hypnotic traditional percussive music of central Java and Bali. It is joined tonight by Indonesian dancers from the royal palace in Surakarta. The gamelan is an assembly of 50 gongs and metallophones, drums. strings, flutes, xylophone, and singers. The music is a gorgeous concatenation of nonharmonic melodies built on cycles marked by the largest gong and subdivided by the other instruments. Founded in 1966, the U-M Gamelan Ensemble is one of the oldest in the U.S. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764–0594.

Cuig: The Ark. This quintet from northeastern England plays toe-tapping traditional Celtic music. Opening act is Finvara's Wren, a local band that plays traditional and contemporary Irish songs, interspersed with jigs and reels. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$11 in advance at Borders on Liberty. Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763–TKTS.

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28 THURSDAY

★"Learning to Read the Qur'an in Northern Nigeria: Redefining Women's Place": U-M Center for the Education of Women. Talk by U-M anthropology professor Elisha Renne. Noon-1:30 p.m. CEW, 330 E. Liberty. Free, 998–7080.

*Book Lovers' Club: Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled. All invited to a book discussion of John Grisham's coming-of-age tale set in rural Arkansas, A Painted House. Also, Amy Tan's rich, sweeping portrait of three generations of Chinese women. The Bonesetter's Daughter, and Life Stories: Profiles from the New Yorker, a collection edited by David Remnick. Note: All books available on tape at the library for visually challenged readers. Refreshments. 1–3 p.m. Washtenaw County Library Conference Room B. County Service Center, Washtenaw Ave. and Hogback Rd. Free. 971–6059.

*Susan Straight: U-M English Department Visiting Writers Series. Fiction reading by this University of California creative writing professor. Her latest novel, *Highwire Moon*, is about a Mexican migrant worker mom whose forced separation from her daughter leads to trouble. 5 p.m., U-M Business School Hale Auditorium, 701 Tappan. Free. 615-3710

*Heidi Kumao: U-M School of Art and Design-Talk by this installation artist and digital animator. 5 p.m., Art and Architecture auditorium, 2000 Bonisteel, North Campus. Free. 764–0397.

Annual Community Second Seder: Jewish Cultural Society. All invited to bring a kosher (for Passover) meatless main dish and a vegetarian side dish to pass for a vegetarian polluck. Beverage & table service provided. 6:30 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rdsouth of Packard). \$10 (children 12 & under, \$5). Reservations required. 975–9872.

Women with Wings West. All women ages 8 and older invited to join a chanting circle. Includes traditional and contemporary chants from a variety of spiritual traditions. 7–8:30 p.m., 1107 Pearl, Ypsilanti. \$3 donation. 483–6420, 482–0553.

★Southeast Michigan Naturists. All interested in social nudity invited to meet with club members in a non-nude setting to learn about the group and its activities. 7–8 p.m., Cafe Verde, 214 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 482–9686.

*Coffee Hour: Druids of Shining Lakes Grove. All invited to join local neopagans for coffee and chat. 7-9 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free.

*Scott McKain: Liberty Borders. This motivalonal speaker from Indiana reads from All Business Is Show Business, his business owner's guide to creating customer loyalty. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

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6th Annual Benefit Concert: Jazz Dance Theater. This popular local dance company directed by Adam Clark and Lisa Darby Clark performs original jazz, modern dance, fusion, and more. Tonight's program features the premiere of *Too Much Nothing* and repertory works, including Parting of Ways, In Retrospect, Business of Love, Retribution, and Give Them Back. Also, a performance by the Youth Dance Project, featuring dancers from area dance schools. Proceeds benefit the U-M Mott Children's Hospital. 7 p.m., Power Center. Tickets \$12 (stulents & seniors, \$8) in advance at the Dancer's Boutique or at the door. 429-9599.

*"How to Prepare for a New Baby and the Effect on Siblings": Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute-Ann Arbor/Allen Creek Preschool/First Steps Washtenaw. Talk and discussion led by local psy-chotherapist Carol Austad. Refreshments. 7:30–9 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Vo-Rel Room A, 1819 S. Wagner Rd. (south of Liberty). Free, 997–1945.

Nerissa and Katryna Nields: The Ark. The former lead singers of the Nields, a popular folk-rock quintet from Boston, these 2 sisters are known for their Roches-style vocal harmonies. They specialize in songs of corrosive social observation, and their music is alternately upbeat and moody, sometimes luminous and sometimes stinging and gritty. They recently released their debut duo recording, Love and China, 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$13.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guifar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"Sexual Perversity in Chicago": U-M Basement Arts Theater. March 28–30. Erin Bahl directs U-M students in David Mamet's biting 1976 satire about a couple whose coarse, stumbling romance is blighted bank. by their friends' well-meant but poisonous advice Evening time TBA, Arena Stage (Frieze basement), 105 S. State. Free. 764-6800.

"Last Night of Ballyhoo": U-M Rude Mechanicals. March 28–30. Megan Marod directs other U-M students in Alfred Uhry's Tony Award—winning play, a moving comedy about a wealthy German Jewish family hoping to launch their daughters into 1939 Atlanta society. Having hidden their Jewishness in order to enter high society, they're jarred when their dinner guest. Joe, turns out to be openly Jewish. One daughter desperately wants him to invite her to Ballyhoo, the season's crowning social event, but Joe has his eye on her sister. 8 p.m., East Quad auditorium. 701 East University. Tickets \$6 (students, \$5) at the door only. 647-4360.

"Betrayal": BlackBag Productions. March 28-31 and April 4–7. Will Myers directs local actors in Harold Pinter's dark tale of a wife's tangled, destructive affair with her husband's best friend. Traveling to eling backwards in time, the play touches on pivotal moments in the 9-year tryst and concludes at the long-ago party where the two illicit lovers met. The characters exchange lies and deceit in Pinter's trademark minimalist dialogue, which combines ambigui-ly with brevity to create a thickening atmosphere of lension and menace. Cast: Courtney Riddle, Paul Myers, Barton Bund. 8 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti, Tickets \$14 (students, \$10; Mar, 28 only: 2 tickets for the price of 1) at the door only, 480–2787.

"The Balcony": U-M Theater Department. March 28-31 and April 4-7. U-M drama professor Mbala Nkanga directs U-M theater students in Jean Genet's Control of the Control of t controversial 1956 drama, set in a brothel, where the clients escape the revolution raging around them by enacting their fantasies of power and death. Abandoning conventional notions of character and plot in layor of ritual and metamorphosis, the play creates a disturbing yet poetic house of illusions where interchanging identities blur the lines between fantasy and reality. 8 p.m., Trueblood Theater, Frieze Bldg., 105 S. State. Tickets \$15 & \$20 (students, \$7) at the Michigan League Box Office in advance and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–0450.

The White Rose": Performance Network Professional Season. See 14 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Pat Candaras: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. March 28-30. Ann Arbor debut of this 50-some thing New York City monologist, a highly regarded comic whose wacky, hysterically irreverent stories draw whose wacky, hysterically irreverent stories draw on her turbulent experiences growing up in a family of 17 kids and surviving 2 marriages. On.

Thursdays the headliner is preceded by as many as 6 rookie comics; on weekends the headliner is preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all 8 p.m. Friday shows are nonsmoking shows. 8 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. \$5 (Thurs.) & \$8 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, \$7 (Thurs.) & \$10 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996–9080.

The Gentlemen and the Good News: U-M Michigan League "Spotlight Thursday." Performances by these 2 U-M student a cappella choruses. 8:30 p.m., Michigan League Underground, 911 North University. Free. 763-4652.

A. C. Reed: Firefly Club. A 75-year-old blues saxophonist who has played with everyone from Buddy Guy to the Rolling Stones, Reed is also a singersongwriter known for his gritty, emotionally direct vocals and for his wryly humorous lyrics. 8 p.m.-midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), Firefly Club, 207 Ashley. Tickets \$12 in advance and at the door. 665-9090.

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29 FRIDAY

"Tre Ore" Service: St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. All invited to join or watch a one-hour reenactment of the Stations of the Cross in a walk up the Broadway hill. Noon, meet in the former Kroger and CVS parking lot at the foot of the Broadway hill. Free. 663-5503

U-M Baseball vs. Iowa. March 29 (single game) & 30 (doubleheader) & 31 (single game). Big 10 home opener. 3 p.m. (Mar. 29) & 1 p.m. (Mar. 30 & 31), Ray Fisher Stadium. \$3 (youths under 18, \$1; U-M students with ID, free). 764-0247.

*U-M Softball vs. Penn State. March 29 & 30. Big 10 opener for the U-M team, a perennial national power that, despite losing to Iowa last year in the finals of the conference tournament, made it to the College World Series. 3 p.m. (Mar. 29) & 2 p.m. (Mar. 30), Alumni Field (behind Ray Fisher Stadium), S. State at Hoover. Free. 764-0247.

30th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow: U-M Native American Student Association/Office of Multiethnic Student Affairs. March 29–31. See review, p. 82. More than 10,000 visitors are expected to attend this gathering of Native Americans from throughout the Great Lakes area, traditionally the largest such gathering in the state. Costumes range from the informal to spectacular authentic ceremonial outfits. The program includes social dancing and demonstrations of different styles of Native American dance, including fancy, traditional, grass dress, and jingle dress. The big attractions this weekend are children and adult dancing contests in a variety of styles. The dancers are accompanied by several dif-ferent Native American drumming ensembles from all over North America. Grand entry tonight is at 7 p.m. Other attractions include display and sale of tra-ditional crafts and food. Also, in conjunction with the powwow's 30th anniversary, the U-M Anthropology Museum is mounting a parallel exhibit about powwows in native life. 5–10 p.m., Crisler Arena. Daily admission: \$8 (youths ages 13–17, students with 1D, & seniors, \$6; kids ages 4-12, \$4; kids 3 & under, free). 763-9044.

★"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library. See 2 Saturday. Today: Comfort Me with Apples: More Adventures at the Table, the second volume of Gourmet magazine editor-in-chief Ruth Reichl's memoirs. 7:30–8:30 p.m., AADL Loving Branch, 3042 Creek Dr. (off Packard just east of Platt). Free. Preregistration required. 994–2353.

*Crowbar Hotel: Liberty Borders. Soulful, groove-oriented original rock 'n' roll by this local quintet. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668–

*Brian Delaney Trio: Arborland Borders. Acoustic gypsy swing by this local trio. 7 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677–6948.

★"Good Friday Music and Scripture": Northside Community Church. This meditational recital includes Scripture readings and works by Brahms, Bach, and Barber, as well as spirituals and other music. Performers include the Northside Chancel Choir and Bell Choir, soprano Lois Briggs, baritones Chris Grapentine and Joel Beam, organist Susie Goodson, pianist Kathryn Goodson, and others TBA. 7 p.m., Northside Community Church, 929 Barton. Free. 662-6251.

★Good Friday Tenebrae Service: First Presbyterian Church. The church's Sine Nomine Singers, a women's chorus, perform the Missa Brevis in C Minor by Imant Raminsh, an award-winning Latvianborn Canadian composer whose music is rarely

You've Been A Good Parent, And Yet...

You work hard to be a good parent. You have read books, gone to parent groups and lectures, sought advice. These sources work for some problems and give you good ideas, but unfortunately, they don't always provide the right information. They can't always resolve your particular parenting concerns, and groups can be too public and embarrassing of a way to get help.

Parents try to do what is best for their child, but when the help they find isn't right for the problems Parents try to do what is best for their child, but when the help they find isn't right for the problems they are facing, they often become discouraged or believe they have exhausted the possibilities. Sometimes parents just aren't sure when to get help. You may find you're not enjoying your baby or toddler as much as you anticipated. You may be frustrated by your older child's academics or behavior, or frightened by your adolescent's suspected substance abuse or law breaking. Sometimes a problem is obvious, as when the school or legal system are actively involved. Other times it's more subtle, as when you are constantly irritable with a child or are feeling overprotective. If the problem is minor, children will respond to feedback, respectively expectations and earing. If this despit work, then a more serious eithering end earing, if this despit work, then a more serious eithering end earing. reasonable expectations and caring. If this doesn't work, then a more serious situation exists.

In any case, your instincts as a parent are the best indicator. If you have had concerns for more than three months, they need to be addressed. Remember, your difficulties are unique to you and your child; we are all emotionally different and need different help. Your situation deserves to be considered and worked through respecting your individual family. What can you do? Seek out the help of a professional trained and experienced with children, adolescents, and their parents. Look at what is going on in your particular situation, privately and safely

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Cavafy's world Word and image

Constantine Cavafy is the leading poet of modern Greek, although he never published a book in his lifetime or lived in Greece. He lived mostly in Alexandria, Egypt, a member of the Greek-speaking minority that was one of the last enclaves of the great Greek diaspora of the age of the conqueror Alexander.

Cavafy has gained a wide audience since his death in 1933. He is known in this country by his poem "Ithaka," which was read at the funeral of Jacqueline Onassis. Referring to the wanderings of Odysseus, the poem reminds us that the journey is more important than the arrival. Cavafy wrote about history (particularly Hellenic history), about homosexual love, and about the power of art to mediate between the individual and the historical moment.

Three exhibits at the U-M combine Cavafy's poetry with the visual arts. The Poet in the Library at the Hatcher Graduate Library includes manuscripts, hand-printed broadsides, and copies of the pamphlets Cavafy assembled for his friends. A series of 1960s etchings that David Hockney created to accompany Cavafy's erotic poems hangs in the U-M Museum of Art.

The largest of the shows, the Kelsey Muse-



um's Ancient Passions, offers poems mounted next to period photographs of Cavafy and his world and objects of the classical, Hellenic, or Byzantine worlds that the poet mentions or that might have inspired him.

For instance, in one of his famous short poems, "For the Shop," Cavafy creates an artisan so in love with his work he chooses not to let anyone see it, let alone buy it:

He wrapped them up carefully, neatly, in expensive green silk. Roses of rubies, lilies of pearl, violets of amethyst: according to his taste, his his vision of their beauty-not as he saw

them in nature or studied them. He'll leave them in the safe,

examples of his bold, his skillful work. Whenever a customer comes into the shop, he brings out other things to sell-first-class

bracelets, chains, necklaces, rings.

Accompanying this poem is the Kelsey's Mummy Portrait of a Woman from Egypt in the second century A.D. This portrait, executed in encaustic-a process fusing hot wax with pigment-shows a beautiful young woman with jewel-encrusted gold necklaces and earrings. Almost realistic, her face is slightly elongated, much like the women in some of Modigliani's paintings. She looks calm, and her heavily lidded eyes are languid, even sensual. This woman becomes the customer in the shop Cavafy imagined in Alexandria, in a new relationship created by the curators' imaginations. Similarly, the other objects do not illustrate the poems. Rather, they provide a context that changes our reading of the poem and our impression of the art. The three exhibits are on display until May 5.

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New exhibits this month:

Ann Arbor Art Center. The Print! (March 22-April 21). Opening reception March 29, 6-8 p.m. 994-8004.

Ann Arbor District Library. Small Quilts by Shutta Crum; Quotable Quilts; African American Women "First" in Washtenaw County; Dinosaurs (March 4-29). 327-4510.

Dave's Photo Emporium. Works by Carter Sherline (March 2–29). Opening reception March 8, 5–9 p.m. 827–0080.

EMU Ford Gallery. Michigan Drawing Biennial. Opening reception March 5, 4-6 p.m. 487-1268

Gallery 212. Anything Goes (March 15-April 13). Opening reception March 15, 7–9 p.m. 665–8224.

Hillel. The Holocaust and Jewish Life in Iran (March 10-31). Opening reception March 10, 4-6 p.m. (see Events). 769-0500.

Jewish Community Center Amster Gallery. Paintings and Prints by Shokrollah

Manzoor (March 10-31). Opening reception March 10, 4-6 p.m. (see Events). 971-0990.

Kreft Center for the Arts (Concordia College). Faculty Exhibit (March 13-April 10).
Opening reception March 15, 7-10 p.m. 995-7591

Museum on Main Street. History of Saline (through March 31). 662–9092.

Reehill Gallery. Encouraging Stewardship of the Environment (March 3-April 30). Open-ing reception March 3, 2-4:30 p.m. 663-5503

U-M Exhibit Museum of Natural History. Jiingtamok: Exploring the Powwow Highway (through December 31). Buggin' Out! (March 15–July 21). 763–4191.

U-M Media Union. Art by Michigan Prisoners. Opening reception March 5, 5–7:30 p.m. (see Events). Ear Play (March 25–April 1).

U-M Michigan League. Pastel Paintings by Nancy Weiss (March 30-April 26). 763-4652

U-M Museum of Art. Abbreviated Emancipation (March 9-May 26). See March 10 "Kara Walker" event, 763-UMMA.

U-M Slusser Gallery (U-M School of Art). Undergraduate Student Awards Exhibit (through March 10). Opening reception March 9, 7 p.m. Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition (March 19-April 7). Opening reception March 22, 6-8 p.m. 763-4417.

Washington Street Gallery. Southern Sun (through March 20). Opening reception March 1, 7–9 p.m. 761–2287.

Washtenaw Community College Gallery-One. Harlem Renaissance Art (through April 5). Opening reception March 12, 5-8 p.m. See also March 21 and 26. 477-8512.

Workbench Contemporary Furniture. Works by Bridgett Ezzard. Opening reception with artist March 27, 6-7:30 p.m. 668-4688.

For a complete listing of local galleries, see the 2001-2002 Ann Arbor Observer City Guide or www.arborweb.com.

heard on this side of the border. The singers are accompanied by a string orchestra. Organist is Carol Muehlig. 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662–4466.

★Mark Webster Reading Series: U-M English Department. See 8 Friday. Tonight: poet Sarah Wolfson and fiction writer Anthony Reed. 8 p.m.

*Bassfiddle. The trio of local bassist Andrew Stoops and 2 and Denison University (Granville, Ohio) music professors, guitarist Tom Carroll and violinist Andrew Carlson, performs everything from classical to folk to popular music. Program TBA. 8 p.m., U-M Music School McIntosh Theater, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-

Sandip Burman: The Ark. A native of Durgapur, India, Burman is a renowned master of the tabla, a North Indian percussion instrument, whose repertoire includes a variety of traditional Indian music. He made his local debut in October 2000 in a duo performance with banjo virtuoso Bela Fleck. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets (price TBA) in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"Dance Mix 2001": Impact Dance. An energetic, varied show of jazz, hip-hop, funk, tap, "stomp" dancing, and more by U-M dance ensembles Funktion, Dance to Excess, Rhythm, Indigo, and Ground Control, and Northwestern University's Boomshaka. 8 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$6 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office; \$8 at the door.

★"Sexual Perversity in Chicago": U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 28 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

"Last Night of Ballyhoo": U-M Rude Mechanicals. See 28 Thursday. 8 p.m

"The White Rose": Performance Network Professional Season. See 14 Thursday. 8 p.m. "The Balcony": U-M Theater Department. See 28

Thursday. 8 p.m "Betrayal": BlackBag Productions. See 28 Thurs-

Pat Candaras: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 28 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

Brahms's Requiem: University Musical Society. Thomas Sheets leads the 150-voice UMS Choral Union as it joins forces with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra for a performance of this dramatically chiaroscuro, powerful yet dreamy and delicate requiem that Brahms wrote while grieving over the deaths of his mentor Schumann and his mother. Instead of the usual Latin texts and theme of the fear of death common to requiems, the composer used passages from Luther's German Bible and a hopeful theme of salvation. 8:30 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$12-\$22 in advance at the Michigan League and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764–2538 or (800) 221–1229.

Tony Monaco: Bird of Paradise. March 29 & 30. Jazz trio led by this Hammond B-3 organist from Columbus, Ohio, whose playing is full of bluesy slurs and rapid-fire solos, in the tradition of Jimmy Smith and Joey DeFrancesco. In fact, DeFrancesco who calls Monaco "an incredible player," produced his CD Burnin' Grooves. 9 & 11 p.m., Bird of Paradise, 306 S. Main. Tickets \$15 (students with 1D. \$10) in advance and at the door. 971-8300 (noon-6 p.m.), 662-8310 (after 6 p.m.).

Janis Siegel: Firefly Club. Jazz ensemble led by this veteran Grammy-winning vocalist, a member of the celebrated vocalese trio Manhattan Transfer-Siegel's new CD, I Wish You Love, features jazz) renditions of 1960s Brill Building songs, including Carole King and Gerry Goffin's "Go Away Little Boy," Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil's "Just a Little Lovin'," and of Pat Ballard's "Sandman." 9 & 11 p.m., Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley. Tickets \$20 in advance and at the door. 665-9090.

Michigan Theater Foundation. Films TBA. \$8 (children, students, & seniors, \$6.25; MTF members, \$5.50). 668–8480. Michigan Theater, times TBA.

30 SATURDAY

*"Bunny Brunch": Ann Arbor Salvation Army-Kids 12 & under and their parents invited to enjoy omelets, pancakes, cereal, and beverages. Followed by a magic show by Iowa illusionists Corey and Nancy Black, a chance to meet the Easter Bunny, and an Easter egg hunt throughout the building. 9 a.m., Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. Free. Preregistration required, 668-8353.

Easter Egg Hunt: Domino's Farms. All invited to scour the grounds for 13,000 toy-filled plastic Easter eggs dotting 2 egg-fields, one for kids 3 and under and one for kids 4 and over (11 a.m.). Also, a chance to chat with the Easter Bunny, see stunt kite fliers and clowns, and visit the petting farm. Prize drawings. Proceeds donated to Paws with a Cause. 9:30 a.m. (gates open), Domino's Farms, 30 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr. (off Earhart Rd. north of Plymouth Rd.). \$4 (includes petting farm). 930-5032

*Peter Rabbit Party: Barnes & Noble. Kids ages 4-7 invited for Peter Rabbit stories and other activities. 11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw Free. Preregistration required. 677-6475.

30th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow: U-M Native American Student Association/Office of Multiethnic Student Affairs. See 29 Friday. Grand entries: 1 & 7 p.m. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

*U-M Men's Rugby vs. Scioto Valley. The U-M leam plays this independent rugby club from Columbus. Ohio. 1 p.m., Mitchell Field, Fuller Rd. (just west of the entrance to the U-M North Campus). Free. 623-0988.

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 2 Saturday. Today: Team USA Under-18 vs. Compuware (Plymouth) of the North American Hockey League. 7 p.m.

*Game Night: Washtenaw Rainbow Action **Project.** All invited to bring their favorite board or card game to play. 7–9 p.m., WRAP office, 325 Braum Ct. Free, 995–9867.

*"Sexual Perversity in Chicago": U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 28 Thursday. 7 p.m.

Sons of the Never Wrong: The Ark. Pop-folk vocal trio-a la Peter, Paul, and Mary-from Chicago that features bright 3-part harmonies and witty, whimsical original songs. 7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$12.50 in advance at Borders on Liberry. Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"GenAPA": U-M United Asian American Organization. The largest Pan-Asian cultural show in the nation. GenAPA offers a spectacular cultural smorgasbord showcasing the talents of U-M Asian and Asian American U-M students. 8 p.m., Michigan Theater. Cost TBA. wwz@umich.edu.

"Last Night of Ballyhoo": U-M Rude Mechanicals. See 28 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The White Rose": Performance Network Professional Season. See 14 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"The Balcony": U-M Theater Department. Sec 28

"Betrayal": BlackBag Productions. See 28 Thurs-

Pat Candaras: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase.

Tony Monaco: Bird of Paradise. See 29 Friday. 9

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31 SUNDAY (Easter)

30th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow: U-M Native American Student Association/Office of Multiethnic Student Affairs. See 29 Friday Grand entry: 1 p.m. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

*U-M Softball Doubleheader vs. Ohio State. Noon, Alumni Field (behind Ray Fisher Stadium), S. State at Hoover. Free, 764–0247.

"The White Rose": Performance Network Professional Season. Sec 14 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"The Balcony": U-M Theater Department. See 28

"Betrayal": BlackBag Productions. See 28 Thurs-

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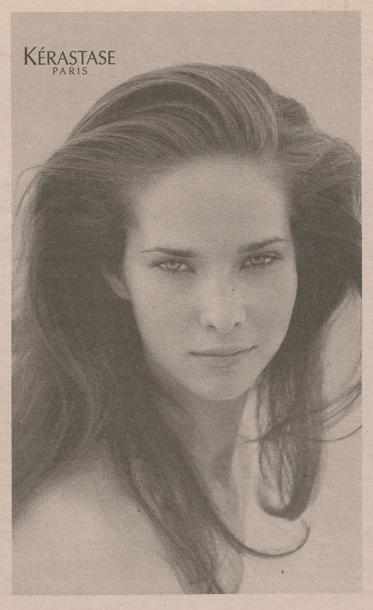
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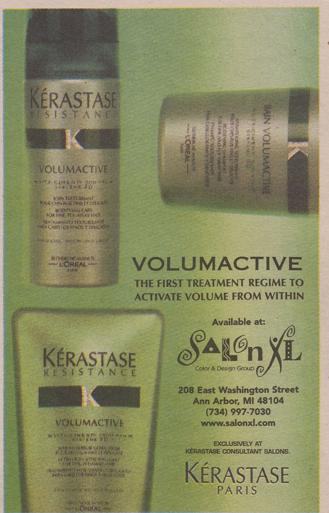
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Adult concerts with three different storytellers on Mar. 1 & 2 (8 p.m.) and a family concert on Mar. 3 (1 p.m.). See Events. Mar. 3: Cathie Ryan. Irish-American chanteuse. See Events. Mar. 4: Fruit. Australian folk-rock. See Events. Mar. 5: Richard Thompson. Acclaimed Scottish folk-rock singerongwriter. See Events. Mar. 6: Rory Block. Vet eran blues singer-guitarist. See Events. Mar. 7: Lu-hasa & Whirligig. Irish music double bill. See Events. Mar. 8: RFD Boys. Authentic bluegrass by these longtime local favorites. They have appeared in numerous festivals and even made the cover of Bluegrass Unlimited magazine. Their shows blend top-notch musicianship with funny betweensongs dialogue. They have several recordings, including Live and Unrehearsed, a recording of a 1994 Ark performance. Mar. 9: Ricky Skaggs. Celebrated bluegrass icon. See Events. 7 & 9 p.m. Mar. 10.7. 10: The Waybacks. San Francisco-based quintet that describes its repertoire as a motley assortment of everything from cowboy jazz to folk, bluegrass, oldtime, Tin Pan Alley, both country and western, Celtoid agnostic gospel, rhumba, beat poetry, Grappelli-esque swing, and eccentric originals." Mar. 11: Pinmonkey. Alt-country from Nashville. See Events. Mar. 12: Na Dorsa. Traditional Irish mu-Sic. See Events. Mar. 13: Open Stage. All acoustic performers invited. The first 12 acts to sign up beginning at 7:30 p.m. get to perform. The most talented and popular Open Stage performers are offered their own evenings at the Ark. \$3 (members & students, \$2). Mar. 14: Millish. Irish-worldbeat fun. See Events. Mar. 15: Alison Brown Quartet. Progressive bluegrass. See Events. Mar. 16 & 17: The Chenille Sisters. Nationally acfolk female vocal trio. See Events. 30 p.m. Mar. 18: Catie Curtis and Laura Singer-songwriter double bill. See Events. Mar. 20: Pub Domain. Irish quintet. See Events. Mar. 21: Beausoleil. Acclaimed Cajun band. See Events. Mar. 22: Greg Brown. Veteran folk-Mar. 23: Lucy Kaplansky. Acclaimed young singer-songwriter. See Events. 7:30 p.m. Mar. 25: John Hiatt. Acclaimed singer-songwriter. See Events. 7:30 p.m. Mar. 25: John Hiatt. Acclaimed singer-songwriter. See Events. 7 & 0.30 Easily Amused. Double bill with a New York na Nields. Folk-rock singer-songwriter duo. See Events. Mar. 29: Sandip Burman. Traditional Indian music. See Events. Mar. 30: Sons of the Never Wrong. Pop-folk trio from Chicago. See its. FREE. Mar. 28: Nerissa & Katry-

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This Briarwood-area Mediterranean-style restaurant features occasional live music, 6:30–9 p.m. No cover, no dancing. Every Fri.: John Carlson. Flame menco guitarist.

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The group has a new CD, Three B in Flight. Every wed.: Los Gatos. Mambos and cha-chas by this cal Latin jazz band that specializes in the music of Cal Tjader, the late San Francisco vibes player who

folk-rock

Jim Roll **Novel collaboration**

Jim Roll has long been known as a literate and sometimes witheringly honest folk-rock wordsmith, and on his third CD, Inhabiting the Ball, he raises the literary stakes by taking on noted novelists Denis Johnson and Rick Moody as collaborators. Eight of the CD's eighteen songs feature lyrics by Johnson and Moody, and these, together with Roll's broad repertoire of folk, rock, and country music touches, make for a record rich with sonic surprises and heady lyrical twists. From the somber biography of "Eddie Rode the Orphan Train" to the sardonic spoof of "In-Flight Magazines," Roll's plainspoken tenor drives forward on an undercurrent of informed melancholy.

Perhaps inspired by the edgy-to-twisted wordplay of Johnson and Moody's more traditional verse, Roll's own incisive lyricism takes on a more ambitious literary bent in the five songs he wrote himself. "Bonnie and Clyde" is a rock song extolling the tough, violent vulnerability of Faye Dunaway's character in the film classic. "Orphan Train" tells



the true story of an orphan exported from New York to Arkansas and put to work on a farm, and "Curious One" deals in the rarefied territory of the ancient Middle East and the sun goddess Anana.

Musically, Roll is clearly comfortable straddling several camps, whether he's playing solo or with a band, rocking out or finger-picking a folk song, revealing his own thoughts or putting music to those of another writer. Roll himself sums up the three-voice approach as "just freakish enough to fit together.

Like Roll's previous CD, Lunette, the new recording plays off the ragged edges of folk-rock, blending acoustic and fuzzed-out guitar tones, sweet pump organ, loose banjo, and plenty of open space. Time will tell whether Roll's latest goes down as a fresh direction melding sound and mind or just a literary curiositybut it's an apt product to have sprung from the folk music-loving and literature-loving environs

of Ann Arbor.

Jim Roll celebrates the release of Inhabiting the Ball on Tuesday, March 5, at the Blind Pig.

-Judson Branam

ignited the 1950s mambo craze. Led by drummer Pete Siers, the group also includes vibes player Cary Kocher, bassist Kurt Krahnke, pianist Brian DiBlassio, and percussionist Jonathan Ovalle. Mar. 1 & 2: Cliff Monear. Jazz ensemble led by this Flint pianist. Mar. 8 & 9: Jeannine Miller & the Vincent Shandor Trio. This Detroit-area jazz vocalist, a U-M music school grad, performs jazz standards, ballads, and blues. She is backed by a trio led by pianist Shandor. The group has a fine CD, Live at the Dearborn Inn. Mar. 15 & 16: Jane Bunnett and the Spirit of Havana. Afro-Cuban jazz ensemble led by saxophonist and flutist Bunnett. See Events. 9 & 11 p.m. Mar. 20: Kristin Korb. Acclaimed West Coast jazz bassist and vocalist. See Events. Mar. 22 & 23: David "Fathead" Newman. Legendary jazz saxophonist. See Events. Mar. 29 & 30:Tony Monaco. Heralded Hammond B-3 organist. See Events.

The Bistro on Main

311 S. Main

This new downtown restaurant features live music, usually jazz, Fri.-Sat., 8 p.m.-midnight. Dancing, no cover. March schedule TBA.

The Blind Pig 208 S. First

996-8555

This local music club features live music 5 nights a week, with a varied assortment of local and out-oftown rock 'n' roll, blues, reggae, and dance bands, 10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. If there's an opening act, the headliner usually goes on stage between 11:30 p.m. and midnight. Closed most Sun. & Mon. Cover (except "Showcase Night"), dancing. Mar. 1: The Fags. Hard-rocking pop-punk Detroit trio led by Tim Patalan. Opening acts are the Ruiners, a Tim Patalan. Opening acts are the **Kuiners**, a grunge-inflected Detroit rock 'n' roll band, and **Rael Rean**, an 80s-style New Wave pop band. **Mar. 2: Halloween**. Legendary horror-metal band from Detroit. There are 3 opening acts: **Youthcorpse** is a speed-metal band from Ypsilanti that has a new CD, *Liberty or Death*. **Dykemaker** is a stoner sludge-metal band. **Abandon** is a Detroit metal band. **Man. 5:** line **Roll**. See regime gloons Highly band. Mar. 5: Jim Roll. See review, above. Highly regarded local singer-songwriter known for his barbed alt-country-flavored folk-rock ballads and love songs. Tonight he celebrates the release of his new CD, Inhabiting the Ball. Opening act is Brian Lillie, a popular local folk-rock singer-songwriter who is coming out of semiretirement for tonight's show. **Mar. 7: Josh Martinez.** Hip-hop MC from San Francisco. Opening acts are 2 local collectives of hip-hop MCs, the Starving Artists Crew and the Subterraneous Crew. Mar. 8: North Mississippi Allstars. Young blues-rock trio from Mississippi. See Events. Mar. 9: Domestic Problems. Funk-rock sextet from Grand Rapids. Opening act is Oval Opus, a pop-rock band from

Columbus. Mar. 12: Pinback. Indie rock band from San Diego. See Events. Mar. 13: TBA. Mar. 14: College Students Productions. With various hip-hop DJs and (possibly) live hip-hop performers. Mar. 15: Donkey Punch. Local ska band that recently released the CD 8 Track. Opening acts are Kid Brother Collective, a local ska and Aks Mama, a Detroit ska band. Mar. 16: Twilight. U-M student college rock band. Opening acts are Patrick Couples, a local singersongwriter, and Restroom Poets, a popular local quartet that plays lyrical, melodic, neopsychedelic rock 'n' roll. Mar. 19:"Showcase Night." With 4 different young local bands. Mar. 20: Bear vs. Shark. Ypsilanti hard-rock band. Opening act is Brad's Dead Fish, a hard-rock band from Saline. Mar. 21: Bahamadia. New York City hip-hop MC. See Events. Mar. 22: Yonder Mountain String Band. Bluegrass quartet from Colorado. See Events. Mar. 23: Full. See Leopold Brothers. Mar. 26: "Showcase Night." See above. Mar. 27: "Audiofold." Experimental electronica by several local performers TBA. Mar. 28: Six Clips. Local rock 'n' roll band led by former Getaway Cruiser singer-guitarists Chris and Drew Peters. Mar. 29: Greenstreet. Very popular local Dave Matthews-style funk-rock band. Opening act is the **Gryphon Shepherd**, a jam-oriented quintet from Ypsilanti. **Mar. 30: The Shantee.** Jambased rock 'n' roll band from Bowling Green.

Cafe Felix 204 S. Main

662-8650

This downtown cafe features live music Fri., 9 p.m.-midnight. No cover, no dancing. Every Fri.: The Underground Jazz Quartet. This local jazz quartet plays a mix of standards, blues, contem-porary pieces, and originals, with an emphasis on Hammond B-3 styles of the likes of Jimmy Smith, Larry Young, and Jack McDuff. Members are guitarist Tom Sinas, organist Duncan McMillian, alto saxophonist Dean Moore, and drummer Jordan

The Cave 2900 Jackson Rd.

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Cavern Club 210 S. First

332-9900

332-0277

This downtown club, in the Celebration Cellars banquet space in the basement under the Millennium Club, features DJs on Thurs. and live music on Fri. & Sat., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover (includes admission to Millennium Club and Gotham City), dancing. Ages

21 and older admitted. Every Thurs.: House/ Techno Night. With DJ Mad Maxx. Mar. I: Thornetta Davis. Soulful, rocking Detroit-style R&B by a band led by Davis, a powerful, Etta James-style vocalist. Mar. 2: Gordon Bennett. Covers and originals by this Detroit rock 'n' roll quintet. Mar. 8: Immunity. Local dancehall reggae band. Mar. 9: Bugs Beddow Band. Versatile horn-driven R&B, boogie-rock, blues, and jazz ensemble led by veteran Detroit trombonist Beddow.

Mar. 15 & 16: Lady Sunshine & the X Band. Local gospel-flavored blues band led by Lady Sunshine, a fiery, rich-voiced singer whose style is something of a cross between Aretha Franklin, Koko Taylor, and Denise LaSalle. Mar. 22 & 23: Joce'lyn B & the Detroit Street Players. Detroit blues band led by Joce'lyn B, a popular vocalist who's said to blend the voice of "Bessie Smith, the attitude of Mae West, and the mouth of Moms Mabley." Her debut CD, Bitch a da Blues, features originals that range from the racy "Sweet Potato Pie" to the poignant "Chase Away the Blues," along with covers of "Walking the Dog," 'Mustang Sally," and the Hayes & Porter standard 'When Something Is Wrong with My Baby." Mar. 29 & 30: Gordon Bennett. See above

Club Above 215 N. Main

663-7758

This renovated dance club on the top floor of the Heidelberg Restaurant features a variety of live and recorded music Wed.—Sat., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Also, comedy on Tues. (see Events). Cover, dancing. Ages 21 and older admitted unless otherwise noted. Every Wed.: Techno Night. With a DJ TBA. Every Fri.: Latino Night. DJ Carlos plays salsa, merengue, reggae, and other Lating dance records. Also each less than 100 pt. dance records. Also, salsa lessons, 9–10 p.m. **Every Sun.: Mexican Night.** With a live Mexican band. Mar. 2: Reggae Ambassadors. See TC's. Mar. 7: Zoo. Local rock 'n' roll band. Mar. 9: Rock 'n' roll bands TBA. Mar. 14: Brian Westward Band. Rock 'n' roll. Mar. 16: Super Unleaded. 70s & 80s rock 'n' roll classics, along with some originals, by this popular Brighton band. Mar. 21: Rock 'n' roll bands TBA. Mar. 23: Deep Space 6. Local Grateful Dead cover band. Mar. 28: TBA. Mar. 30: "Galactic Dust." Three different bands that record for this Detroit record label.

Conor O'Neill's

318 S. Main

665-2968

Downtown Irish pub with live music Sun. (6:30-10 p.m.) and Thurs. and occasional other nights (9 p.m.–2 a.m.). Every Sun.: Traditional Irish Session. All invited to join or listen to an instrumental jam session. Mar. 6: Mossy Moran. Traditional singer from Ireland. Mar. 7: Fonmoir. Traditional singer from Ireland. al Irish music, along with some Celtic rock, by this acoustic band from Battle Creek, formerly known as Central Sun. Mar. 13–16: Bruadar. Traditional Irish music performed with a contemporary edge by this hot young quintet from County Clare. Mar. 21: The Lash. Celtic folk-rock originals by this very popular band from Lansing that also plays traditional Irish music, Pogues covers, and drinking songs. Mar. 27: Bill Long. Irish rock and American pop by this local singer-guitarist. Mar. 28: Mogue Doyle. Original Irish rock by this local quartet that has released the CD God's Own.

Crazy Wisdom Tea Room 114 S. Main 665-9468

This tea room above Crazy Wisdom Bookstore features live music occasional Fri. & Sat., 8:30-10:30 p.m. No cover, no dancing. Mar. I: Chris Buhalis. Popular local singer-songwriter who sings engag ing, fresh-minded folk-country originals in a rich, warm voice. He has released a CD, Kenai Dreams.

Mar. 2: Adam Brodsky. Punk-folk singer-songwriter from Philadelphia known for his brash humor and clever wordplay. Mar. 8: Ray Wagel. Reflective, spiritually sensitive songs by this local singersongwriter. Mar. 9: Karen Kay. Singer-songwriter from Traverse City who says her songs are either "pretty" or "pretty weird." Mar. 15: Marco Bruschtein. Folk, blues, and jazz by this accomplished local slide guitarist. Mar. 16: Jason Dennie. Highly regarded acoustic guitarist from Cincinnati who plays an eclectic brand of folk-based music in the tradition of John Fahey, Leo Kottke, and Michael Hedges. Opening act is David Mosher, a popular r-songwriter and virtuoso guitarist. Mar. 22: Jim Volk. Acoustic singer-songwriter from nbus, Ohio. Mar. 23: Gina Pensiero & Michael Beauchamp. U-M student singer-songwriters. Mar. 29: Michael Thomas. Folk-rock singer-guitarist who recently moved to Ann Arbor from Cleveland. Mar. 30: Anneke's Star. Folkrock originals with exquisite vocal harmonies by this trio of sisters from Windsor.

Crow Bar 309 S. Main

668-0111

This downtown gay dance club features DJs Thurs.-Sat., 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Dancing, cover.

Del Rio

122 W. Washington 761-2530

No cover, no dancing. Live music Sun., 5:30-9 p.m., and Tues., 5-7 p.m. Mar. 1: Chris Buhalis. See Crazy Wisdom. Opening act TBA. Mar. 3: Rick Burgess Quartet. Jazz ensemble led by pianist d featuring alto saxophonist Vincent York. Mar. 5: Crowbar Hotel. Soulful, groove-oriented original rock 'n' roll by this energetic local quintet. The band recently released a highly regarded new CD, Other Lives. Mar. 10: Pete Siers Quarnsemble led by this veteran local pianist. Mar. 12: Randy Tessier and Fubar. 6-piece band led by Kingpins bassist Tessier and featuring former Map of the World vocalist Sofia Hanifi. Their repertoire is an eclectic mix of originals by Hanifi and Tessier and covers of everyone from the Everly Brothers, the Kinks, and the Yardbirds to Mile Davis, Steve Earle, and U2. Mar. 17: Rick Burgess Quartet. See above. Mar. 19: Noches Flamencas. Flamenco music by the local duo of vocalist Ethan Margolis and guitarist Mark Ferguson. Mar. 24: Los Gatos. See Bird of Paradise. Mar. 26: Annie Capps. Jazz-tinged folkrock by this local singer-songwriter who accompanies herself on electric guitar. She recently released her debut CD, The Wrong Shoes. Mar. 31: Jazz ensemble TBA.

The Earle

121 W. Washington 994-0211

Restaurant with live jazz Mon.—Sat., 8–10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. Every Mon.: Rick Burgess. Solo pianist. Every Tues.: Duncan McMillian. Solo pianist. Every Wed.: Rick Burgess. Solo pianist. Every Thurs.: Jake Reichbart. Solo jazz guitarist. Every Fri. & Sat.: Rick Burgess Trio. Jazz ensemble featuring pianist Burgess, bassist Robert Warren, and a drummer TBA.

Elbow Room

6 S. Washington, Ypsilanti 483-6374

This Ypsilanti tavern features live music Tues.—Sun., 9:30 p.m.—2 a.m. Dancing, no cover. Every Sun.: Swing-a-Billy. DJ Del Villareal spins swing, jump blues, and rockabilly records. Also, free swing and jit-

terbug dance lessons (7:30-8:30 p.m.). Every Wed.: Open Mike. All musicians, stand-up comics, and other performers invited. Hosted by the Dan Arbor Band. Every Thurs.: "77 Style." DJs Chuck Damage and Joshua Schmuck play 70s music from T Rex to glam punk. Mar. 1: Dirty Money. Loud, raucous, melodic postpunk this band from Lapeer. Opening acts are **Amygdela**, a space-rock band, and the **Flux Kapacitors**, a punk band from Portland, Oregon. Mar. 2: Ballistics 13. Loud, aggressive, dirty punk band from Detroit. Opening acts are Wolf and the Rhythm Section from Hell, a new Stooges-style hard-rock band from Ypsilanti, and the Chiodos Brothers, a Flint emocore band. Mar. 7: Sean Na Na. Dance-rock band. Opening acts are the Rants, a classy local surf-punk trio led by singer-guitarist Randy Teachout, and another band TBA. Mar. 8: Hopescope. Retro-pop band from Ypsilanti. Opening acts are 2 Ohio rock bands, Stylex and Treysuno. Mar. 9: Dysception. Chicago-area metal band. Opening acts are **Aceldama**, a theatrical metal band, and **Traumatize**, also a metal band. **Mar**. 10: The Love Cowboys. Rockabilly band from m, England. Opening acts are Bill Parker & His Motherscratchers, a country-punk glam quartet, and South Bay Bessie, a pop-punk band from Flint. Mar. 12: Amish Armada. Minneapolis punk band. Mar. 14: Keelhaul. Stoner sludge band from Ohio. Opening act is **Boulder**, an Ohio rock 'n' roll band with a fetish for Thin Lizzy. Mar. 15: Dropjaw. Melodic emocore band from Ypsilanti. Opening acts are 2 other emo bands, Skyline Memoirs and Our Name Alexander. Mar. 16: Know Lyfe. Metal band. Opening act is Ayndrone, a drone-rock noise band from Ontario. Mar. 20: JJ's Paradise Player's Club. Southern-tinged stoner rock band. Op t is Brought Low, a heavy rock band. Mar. 22: What? ... Exactly! Rock 'n' roll band. Opening acts are Somewhere East, a 90s rock band, and Bandits, a rock 'n' roll band. Mar. 23: N-2 Submission. Very theatrical Detroit goth band led by a vocalist known as the Impaler. Opening acts are Martyr Complex, a Cleveland emocore band, and the Hungry Ghost, Royal Oak pop-folk singer-songwriter aka Blake Chen. Mar. 25: The Fullerenes. Upbeat, postpunk garage-pop originals with clever lyrics by this East Lansing trio. Opening act is the **Velvet Teen**, an emo-pop band from San Francisco. Mar. 28: The Natural History. Experimental rock band. Opening act is DJ Chuck (see above). Mar. 29: Bill Parker & His Motherscratchers. See above. Opening acts are Grog, a goof-rock band, and **Ihip**, a pranskter garage-punk band from Lansing. **Mar. 30: Once a Hero.** Local indie rock band. Opening acts are BuFu Nation, a local pop-rock band, and Cal Meacham, a pop-rock indie band from Lansing

Espresso Royale Caffe

214 S. Main 668–183

The downtown location of this popular coffeehouse features live music on Sat., 9–11 p.m. Every Fri.: Open Mike. All poets and musicians invited. 8–9:30 p.m. Mar. 2: Melissa McLain. Witty, literate originals by this local singer-songwriter, a high school English teacher who recently released her debut CD, Soaring. Mar. 9: Alexis Antes. Acoustic pop-folk singer-songwriter from Cleveland. Mar. 16: Tangerine Trousers. Spunky pop-oriented folkrock with tight 3-part vocal harmonies (and 2 accordions) by this Ferndale quartet. Mar. 23: Primer. New folk-rock trio. Mar. 30: Brian Henke. New Age acoustic guitarist from Cleveland.

The Firefly Club 207 S. Ashley 665–9090

Jazz club in the former home of the Bird of Paradise. Live jazz Sun., 8:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m.; Mon., Wed., & Thurs., 8 p.m.-midnight; and Tues., Fri., & Sat. p.m.-1 a.m. Also, happy-hour music Fri., 5:30-8 p.m., and Sun., 5-8 p.m. Sun. jazz brunch, 10 a.m.-2 m. Cover (unless otherwise noted), dancing. Every Fri. (5:30-8 p.m.): Easy Street Swingtet. Dixieland and swing by this local ensemble led by saxophonist and trumpeter Paul Klinger. Every Sun. (5-8 p.m.): Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings. This new local 10-piece big band is one of the few to specialize in the old-time big-band music of the late 20s and early 30s associated with Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver. Arrangements by the renowned early-jazz pianist James Dapogny and tubist Chris Smith. The rest of the lineup includes 3 saxophonists/clarinetists, 2 trumpeters, a trombonist, a guitarist/banjo player, and a drummer. Every Sun.: Bop Culture. Local modern jazz quartet led by pianist Rick Roe. With trumpeter Mark Byerly, bassist Paul Keller, and drummer Bill Higgins. No cover. Every Tues.: Jazz Jam Session. Hosted

by bassist Paul Keller. All jazz vocalists (Mar. 5) and musicians (Mar. 12, 19, & 26) invited. **Every** Wed.: Paul Keller Ensemble. High-energy mainstream jazz by this ensemble led by bassist Keller that features 3 horns. Mar. 1: Doug Deming & the Blue Suit Blues Band. Traditional postwar blues, jump blues, and barroom swing by this acclaimed Detroit quartet led by singer-guitarist Deming. Mar. 2: Paul VornHagen Quartet. Upbeat Latin jazz and swing-bop by this ensemble led by local saxophonist and flutist VornHagen. With bassist Kurt Krahnke, drummer Pete Siers, and pianist Tad Weed. Mar. 4: Tad Weed Freedom Ensemble. Progressive to mainstream jazz by this highly regarded pianist, a Jackson, Michigan, native. Opening act is **Still Life**, a local quartet led by trumpeter Tal Kopstein that plays tunes and improvisations in styles ranging from avant-rock to pulsing soundscapes. Mar. 7: The Terraplanes. Local band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack, featuring new vocalist Laurie Lee Morris, that plays a mix of houserocking blues, uptown swing, soulful R&B, and roots rock. With bassist Wendy Hayes, guitarist Loren Hsieh, keyboardist and blues harpist Phil Riskey, and drummer Allen Powelson. The band has a new CD, Well Tuned. Mar. 8: Jim Tate Band. New local blues band led by vocalist Tate. Mar. 9: Jeff Marx Quartet. Jazz ensemble led by this former Detroit saxophonist who now lives in Chicago. Mar. 11: Birth. Avant-jazz with drum 'n' bass and electronica influences by this Cleveland ensemble now based in New York. Opening act is Lotus, local avant-jazz quintet led by saxophonist Dan Bennett that explores fiery, adventurous grooves that recall Tim Berne's Bloodcount and Vandemark 5. Both bands are accompanied by multiprojector film loops and light play provided by Alfonzo Alvarez, a West Coast filmmaker who's in town for the Ann Arbor Film Festival. Mar. 15: Los Gatos. See Bird of Paradise. Mar. 16: Swingset. Swing-era jazz standards by this ensemble led by U-M music professor James Dapogny, a nationally renowned old-time jazz pianist, and featurvocalist Susan Chastain. 9-11 p.m. Mar. 18: Into the Freylakh. Energetic local avantklezmer sextet with clarinetist Bryan Pardo, violist Dina Maccabee, violinist Gabe Bolkosky, bassist Dan McNaughton, percussionist Dan Piccolo, and pianist Isaac Schlanker. Mar. 21: Studebaker John & the Hawks. Modern Chicago blues. Mar. 22: Rick Roe Quartet. Straight-ahead jazz by this cal ensemble led by pianist Roe. Mar. 23: The Witch Doctors. This local blues and R&B band led by singer-guitarist Thayrone, best known as the host of WEMU's nationally syndicated Bone Conduction Music Show, plays what Thayrone calls "way-strong mojo, ritualistic barroom blues healing." With blues harpist Chef Chris, bassist Bill Lewis, and drummer Tom Twiss. Mar. 25: Remote Viewing Ensemble. Composed and improvised electro-acoustic avant-jazz by this ensemble led by local guitarist Ben Bracken. Opening act is local electronica composer-performer Chris Peck. Mar. 28: A. C. Reed. Veteran blues saxophonist. See Events. Mar. 29: Janis Siegel. Manhattan Transfer vocalist. See Events. 9 & 11 p.m. Mar. 30: TBA.

Gotham City 210 S. First

This downtown dance club, located above the Cavern Club and adjacent to the Millennium Club, features DJs on Thurs. and live music on Fri. & Sat., 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover (includes admission to Cavern and Millennium clubs), dancing. Ages 21 and older admitted. Every Thurs.: Techno Night. Techno dance music with a DJ TBA. Every Sat.: House/Techno Night. With DJ Mad Maxx.

The Habitat 3050 Jackson Rd.

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Lounge at Weber's Inn. Solo piano (6–9 p.m.) by Adam Riccinto (Tues.-Fri.) and Tom Knapp (Sat. & Sun.). Dancing, no cover. Every Mon.: "Swank Life." DJ Al Velour spins vintage big band records. Period attire encouraged. 4 p.m.-midnight. Every Tues.-Sat.: Dance bands TBA. Mar. I & 2: Impact 7. Top 40 dance band. Mar. 5–9: Soulstice. College rock cover band from East Lansing. Mar. 12–16: Chateau. Top 40 dance band. Mar. 19–23: Al Hill & the Love Butlers. See Studio 4. Mar. 26–30: Rumpelstiltskin. Motown and other classic dance pop by this popular Las Vegas-style show band.

Leonardo's

2101 Bonisteel Blvd. 764-7544

Performance area in the food court at the Pierpont Commons on the U-M North Campus. No dancing, no cover. **Every Mon.: Jazz Jam Session.** All



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British singer-songwriter-guitarist Richard Thompson performs at the Ark Mar. 5.

musicians invited. 8–10 p.m. Every Wed.: Jazz Combos. Various ensembles of U-M jazz studies students. Every Thurs.: The Evil Jazz Quintet. U-M student ensemble performs original compositions and improvisations in a wide range of styles. Mar. 8: 2nd Friday Swing Night. Live swing music by the U-M Lab Ensemble. Preceded at 9 p.m. by swing dance lessons. 10 p.m.-midnight. Mar. 19: Open Mike Night. All performers invited; sign-up is at 7:45 p.m. A monthly winner chosen by the audience is invited to perform at Leonardo's on the first Friday of the next month. 8–10 p.m.

Leopold Bros. 523 S. Main

747-9806

This downtown brewpub features live music Sun-9:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m., and Wed., Sat., & occasional other nights, 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. Ages 21 and older admitted. Cover, dancing. Mar. I: "Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk Benefit." With the Rest room Poets (see Blind Pig), Ferndale folk-rock singer-songwriter Scott Fab, and other performers TBA. Mar. 2: Immigrant Suns. Detroit ensembles. ble led by Albanian-born songwriter-guitarist Djeto Juncaj that plays folk-rock originals with an Ea ropean flavor. Mar. 3: The Green Chili Trio. This local guitars and bass trio plays music by Django Reinhardt and other classic jazz. Preceded (6:30-9) p.m.) by the II-V-I Orchestra, a veteran local big band, led by saxophonist David Swain, that plays Os swing and 40s R&B. Mar. 6: "Talent of '02 Showcase." Performances by various local hip-hop ensembles, including the Athletic Mic League. Heavy Hittaz, and Subterraneous. Mar. 9: Komposit. A mix of reggae, R&B, and hip-hop by this DJ collective. Mar. 10: Noches Flamen cas. See Del Rio. Preceded (6:30-9 p.m.) by Gee Q and the Blooze Crew, a local blues, R&B. and rock 'n' roll band led by former SRC guitarist Gary Quackenbush. Mar. 13: Moon Boot Lover. Opening act is the Nick Strange Trio, a popular local rock, blues, and reggae dance band. Mar. 16: Cloud 9 Music. Highly regarded funkrock party band from Jackson led by the deep, ra vocals of Jamie Register. Opening act is **Smoke** stack, a bluesy, groove-oriented Ypsilanti quintel that recently released the CD It's Coming Down-Mar. 17: Maggi, Pierce, & E.J. Philadelphia trio whose whimsical, trippy folk-rock has been described as a cross-breeding of the B-52s and George Carlin with the Beatles and ABBA. The trio performs 2 shows tonight, 6:30–9 p.m. and 10 p.m.–12:30 a.m. Mar. 20: Love Lies Dreaming. Acoustic popfolk. Mar. 23: Notice Co. Instrumental jazz-funk by an ensemble of Cloud 9 members. Opening act is Aneurysm, a hip-hop DJ. Mar. 24: Noches Flamencas. See Del Rio. Preceded (6:30-9 p.m.) the II-V-I Orchestra (see above). Mar. 27: Full. Local sextet, fronted by the gorgeous vocals of Kate Lamb, that mixes elements of rock, electronica. jazz, and classical music. Opening act TBA. Mar.

29:The Greg Howard Band. Rock band led by former Dave Matthews Band bassist Howard, who plays the Chapman stick in this band. Opening act is Goodwill, a local instrumental indie rock band th released the CD No More Senseless Chatter. Mar. 30: Soul Rhythm. Electronic jazz by this ensemble of former Parliament and Funkadelic members.

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210 S. First 913-8890 This new downtown dance club, located above the Cavern Club and adjacent to the new Gotham City club, features DJs Thurs.—Sat., 10 p.m.—2 a.m. Cover. (includes admission to Cavern Club and Gotham City), dancing. Ages 21 and older admitted. Every Thurs.—Sat. (except Mar. 29 & 30): Hip-Hop Night. With DJ Mad Maxx. Mar. 29 & 30: Killer Flamingos. Rock 'n' roll covers and originals. nals by this popular, veteran band from Wayne.

Mitch's Place 1301 South University 665-2650 This bar and grill features live music, Tues. & frequent other nights, 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Cover, some dancing, Every Tues.: Jerry Sprague. Veteran local roots-rock singer-guitarist. Mar. 8: Calling Marvin. Rock 'n' roll band from Clarkston. Mar. 15: Twin Pigs. Classic rock covers and originals by suburban Detroit band. Mar. 17: Jerry

Necto 510 E. Liberty 994-5436

This popular local dance club features local and national DJs 5 nights a week, 9 p.m.—2 a.m. Cover (after 10 p.m.), dancing. Every Tues. & Fri.: "Pride Night." U.K. house and club dance music, with DJs Roger & John. Every Wed.: "Rare Groove."

Dis spin hip-hop, acid jazz, old-school funk, and discorded the seconds, along with live musicians, vocalists, and freestyle MC. The Advances of the seconds. freestyle MCs TBA. Also, local and national acid jazz and hip-hop performers. Every Thurs.: Celebrity DJs TBA. Every Sat.: Dan Diamond. This popular Detroit DJ, recently returned from a 2-year stint in Las Vegas, plays a mix of house, hip-hop, and trance depres arrived.

Old Town 122 W. Liberty 761-9291

his downtown corner bar features live music Sun., 8-10 p.m. No dancing, no cover. The performers are ecompanied by various drop-in friends. Mar. 3: Charlie Weaver & Brian Flechsig. Acoustic folk music "with a touch of bluegrass and rout stream rhythms" by this northern Michigan duo. Weaver is a former Ann Arborite. Mar. 10: Tracy Mack. Acoustic folk-rock singer-songwriter. Mar. 17: Jack Spack. Acoustic singer-songwriter from Ypsilanti who writes heartfelt, charmingly melodic songs about the ups and downs of everyday life that span a variety of moods, from the haunting sadness of "Slow Train" to goofball stuff like his ode to "Spam." Mar. 24: Rollie Tussing III. Blues classics and blues-based originals by this local vocalist and multi-instrumentalist, who plays National steel and Telecaster guitars. Mar. 31: Closed.

Rick's American Cafe 611 Church

This campus-area club features DJs, Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat., 10 p.m.–1:30 a.m. Large dance floor. Dancing, cover. Every Mon. & Thurs.: "Jamin' DJs." DJs TBA play dance music. Every Wed.: "High Energy Dance Party." With DJ John King. Every Fri. & Sat.: Supermack. Techno music with DJs from Supermack. Productions 996-2747

Scorekeepers Sports Bar & Grill

310 Maynard 995-0100 Sat.: Dance Music. With DJ John King.

Studio 4 313 S. Fourth Ave. 302-3687

This dinner club features live music or DJs on Wed. and DJs Thurs.—Sat., 9:30 p.m.—2 a.m. Cover, dancing. Every Thurs.—Sat.: DJ O. 70s—90s Top 40 dance music, with some R&B and techno mixed in.

Mar. 6 & 13: Al Hill & the Love Butlers.

Soulful arrive Mar. Octobers, style funk, and boogic-Soulful swing, New Orleans-style funk, and boogie-woogie blues by this local band led by Hill's wailing vocal. vocals and pumping piano. The band has a CD, Willie Mae. Mar. 20 & 27: Groovematise. DJ plays 70s and 80s rock 'n' roll.

TC's Speakeasy

207 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 483-4470 207 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 483–4470
This downtown Ypsilanti tavern features DJs on Tues. (9 p.m.–1 a.m.) and dance bands on Thurs.—Sat. (9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m.). Solo piano by Art Stephan on Fri., 6–9 p.m. Dancing, no cover unless otherwise noted. Every Tues.: "Tite-Ass Tuesday." Dance music with DJ Speed E. Smith. Mar. 1: Dusty Libido. Jam-oriented dance-rock band from Ypsilanti that includes former members of Electric Boogaloo. Mar. 2: Sugar Buzz. Toledo funk band. Mar. 8: Metaphysical Jones. Jam band from Lansing. Mar. 9: Smokestack. See Leonardo's. Mar. 15: Oblivion. Local alternative rock band. Opening acts are Kind Uncle Fordis, another local alternative rock band, and Kush, a Deanother local alternative rock band, and Kush, a Detroit hard-rock band. Mar. 16: Deep Space 6. See Club Above. Mar. 17: Slunt. EMU collegerock band. Mar. 22: Wound. Alternative rock band from Dearborn. Mar. 23: Charlie Jamison Band. Jam-oriented funk band that f members of Electric Boogaloo. Mar. 29: Reggae
Ambassadors. Local reggae band. Mar. 30:
Foundation of Funk. Top-notch soul-flavored
R&B, blues, and 70s funk sextet led by Steve Somers, a versatile guitarist with a pungent, staccato style, and vocalist Valerie Barrymore. The band recently released a CD.

Tap Room 201 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 482-5320

This popular downtown Ypsilanti tavern features live music 5 nights a week, usually, 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m., with karaoke on Sun., 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. Cover (Fri. & Sat. only), dancing. Every Mon.: Open Mike Unplugged. Hosted by Chris Buhalis, a local singer-songwriter and acoustic guitarist. All acoustic performers invited. 9:30 p.m.–1 a.m. Every Trees. Blues Law. Hosted by the The Dearny. Tues.: Blues Jam. Hosted by the The Danny Pratt Band, a local blues band led by singer-guitarist Pratt. All bands and musicians invited. Every Wed.: Open Mike. Hosted by The Martindales, a local band led by singer-guitarist Brian Brickley that plays blues and rock covers and Every Thurs.: Laith Al-Saadi. Blues, rock, and tarist. Mar. I: Starlight Drifters. Rockabilly and honky-tonk originals and covers by this local quartet led by indomitable local rocker Chris Casello, who plays electric and steel guitar. With vocalist Bill Alton, bassist Bradley Scott Ber, and drummer Mike Kissick. The band's 2nd CD, Every Note a Pearl, comes with a recommendation from Jack Scott, whose immortal "The Way I Walk" the band covers, and their 3rd CD was released last year on the Las Vegas-based Rolling Rock label. Mar. 2: Steven K. & the Parlor Dogs. Local blues and bluesrock band. Mar. 8: Ben Moore and the Blues Express. Motown, R&B, and blues by this Detroitarea band featuring vocalist Sweet Tina. Mar. 9: The Martindales. See above. Mar. 15: The Terraplanes. See Firefly. Mar. 16: The Lemon James Band. Blues-funk band led by James, a female vocalist who's also a superb Hendrix-style guitarist. Mar. 22: Blue Cat. Detroitarea blues quartet. Mar. 23: Blue Zone. Blues and R&B band led by vocalists Ray Ward and Stacia. Mar. 29: Randy Brock & the Blues Insurgents. Blues by this Detroit band. Mar. 30: The Blue Rays. Local blues band led by guitarist Dave Kaftan and featuring vocalist Angel Tristin.

Touchdown Cafe 1220 South University 665-7777

This campus-area cafe features DJs Thurs.-Sat., 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Cover, dancing. **Every Wed. & Fri.:**DJs TBA play hip-hop and other dance records. Every Thurs.: Live bands TBA.

Underground 911 North University 763-4652

This all-ages club in the Michigan League basement His al-ages club in the Michigan League basement features live music occasional Fri. & Sat., 9-11 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Dancing, no cover. Mar. 8: "Six-String Coffeehouse." Acoustic open mike. Mar. 22: North. Local semiacoustic folkrock trio that has released a CD, Revolutions. Opening act is Field of Industry. Mar. 29: Hip-Hop Night. Performers TBA Hop Night. Performers TBA.

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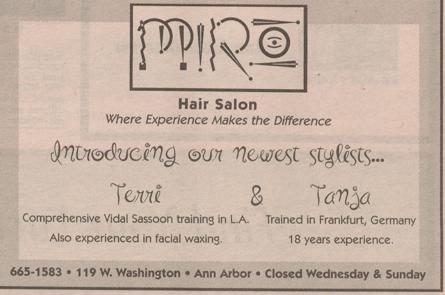
Live music, Mon.—Sat., 7–9 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Mon. & Tues.: Al Hill.** Soulful New Orleans–flavored R&B by this veteran local singerpianist. Hill is occasionally out of town with his band, and on those occasions blues and jazz pianist

Tim Brockett filles in, when he's available.

Every Wed.:Tim Brockett. Blues and jazz pianist.

Every Thurs.—Sat.: Pianist TBA.







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18 or older. Touch-Tone phone. \$1.95/min. Attractive, sweet, sincere, DWPF, 40, degreed, 5'6", 130 lbs., single mom. Seeks SPM, NS/ND, 35–50, also educated and degreed, who loves children, is warm, intelligent, and physically fit. Kids are a plus. ₱3589₺

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SWCF, 52, attractive, young-looking blonde with blue eyes. Seeking attractive, professional, Christian gentleman who enjoys museums, fine music, dining, and church. 24327 43

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Kind, compassionate, honest, communicative, intelligent, and creative gentleman seeks intelligent, friendly, happy AF for fun times and romance. #432645

SWM, 36, into fun, food, flying, music. backgammon ISO honest, easygoing SWF. ₱4329₺⊅

Healthy, wealthy, and wise SWM, 44, aquanaut, prefers a skinny, childless, SWF mermaid with charm, charisma, and class. Am fun, fit, flexible; hope you are, too. #4393 #5

New to the area, SWM, 41, ISO SF. 18–40, race open, to start the new year with and possible LTR. Kids OK. Must like dinner, movies, and joking around. 24222 \$\mu_2\$

Hardworking **DWM**, 49, thin side, loves indoor and outdoor activities, candlelit moments. Kids a plus. ISO SWF, 35–50+, for romantic companionship. **24394**£3

SWPM, 45, who is a lover of the arts, seeks NS female who enjoys film. Other interests include tennis, long walks and talks, creative writing, History Channel, and playing early rock 'n' roll. I'm 5'11", fit, with a beard and a smile! #4231 \$\mu\$

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SWPM, 45, 5'8", fit, no dependents, communicative, humorous, introspective, flexible, persevering, and more. Seeking fit, emotionally available SWPF, 28–45.

Bright, bearded, boyish, SWPM, 54, successful, well-educated/traveled, witty-likes books, music, film, hugs, cats, seeks F, 35+, for LTR. 24318&3

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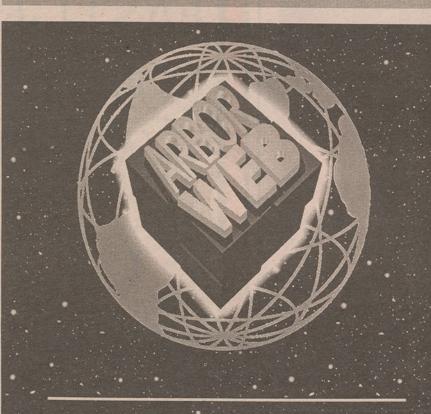
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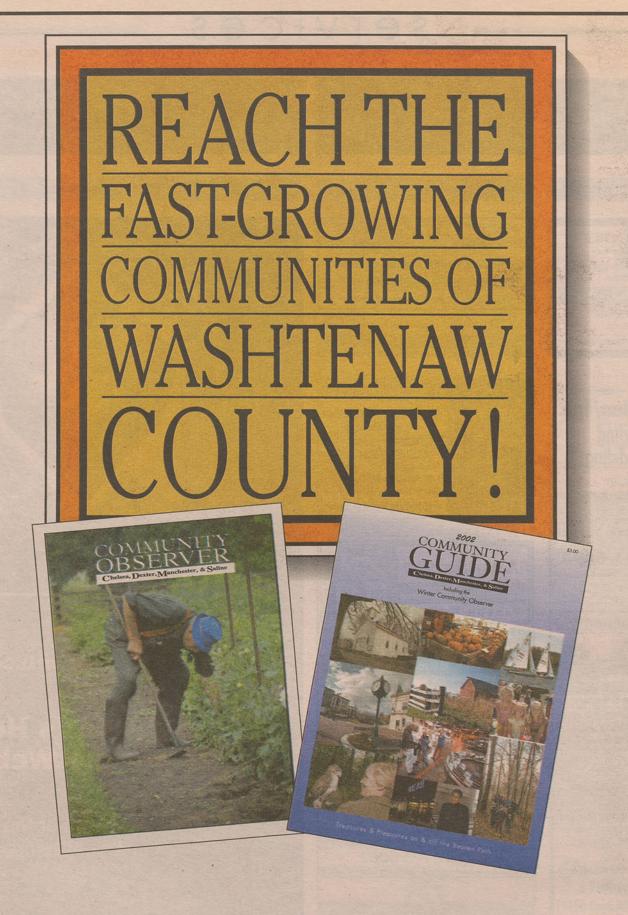


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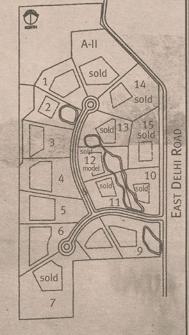
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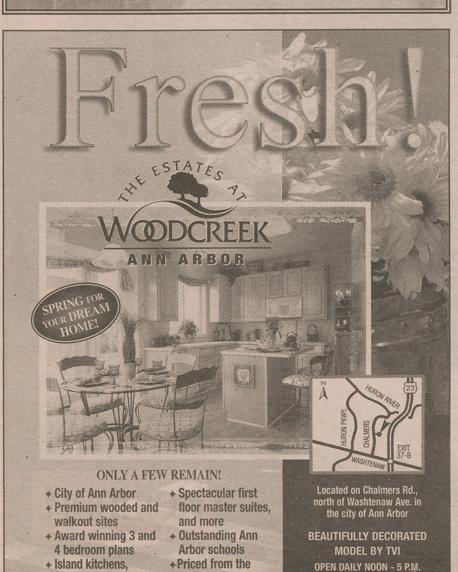
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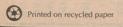
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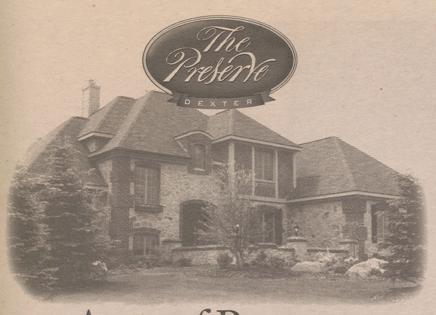
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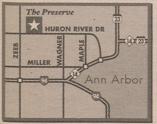
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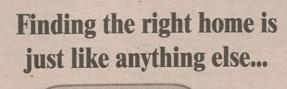
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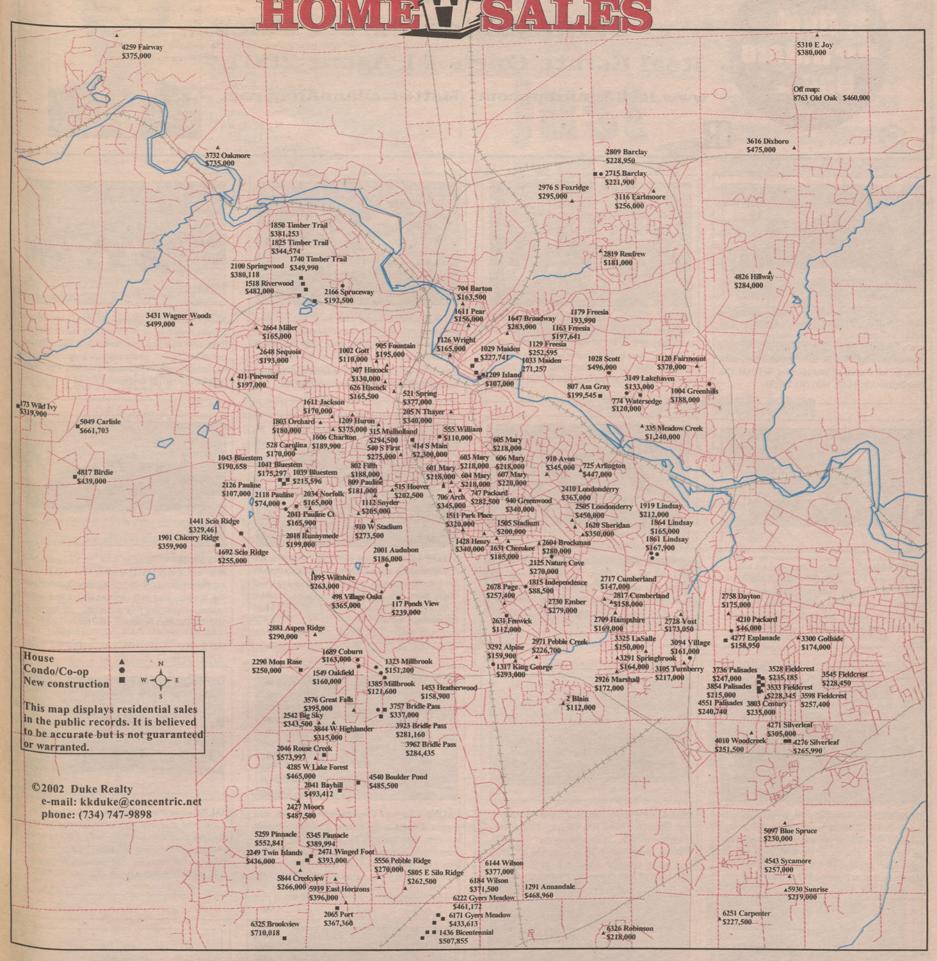


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JANUARY 2002



A splurge of 170 home sales makes this by far the busiest January we have ever seen, even if we discount a handful of latearriving reports of sales that actually closed last year. A sale that closed on New Year's Eve, for example, put Ashley Mews on the map for the first time. The blockbuster deal at 414 South Main was for a 3,900-square-foot two-story suite. But the \$2.3 million penthouse isn't much to look at yet. Syndeco president Paul Potter says the condo was

sold unfinished. In other words, no kitchen, no bathrooms, and not even a scrap of carpet were included in the sale. The purchaser, who was represented by Northern Trust of Chicago, will presumably spend a great deal more to build out the "white box."

Potter sounded relieved to have a sale under his belt at last. He was also pleased to announce that Ashley Mews had secured long-term financing. A \$20.7 million "end mortgage" with Royal Indemnity at

7.4 percent replaces Key Bank's construction loan, according to public records. This means that a major hurdle in the creation of this copper-crowned complex has successfully been cleared. Potter added that two other condos in the high-rise are under contract now, as well as eighteen of the twenty-six adjacent brownstones.

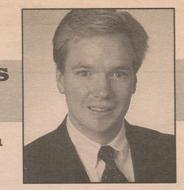
Another landmark sale occurred on Mary Court, near State and Packard. Six homes were sold in a mass transaction for \$1.31 million. Like Braun Court near Kerrytown, Mary Court is a cluster of eight homes facing a central courtyard. Reportedly built in 1901, they measure 1,120 square feet each. The purchaser, Jane Belanger, is a former administrator with the Ann Arbor Public Schools who says she appreciates that these homes were not "sliced and diced" the way many student rental properties have been—and, she notes, "students are excited about the location."

—Kevin Duke



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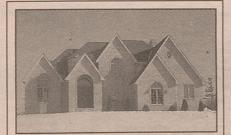
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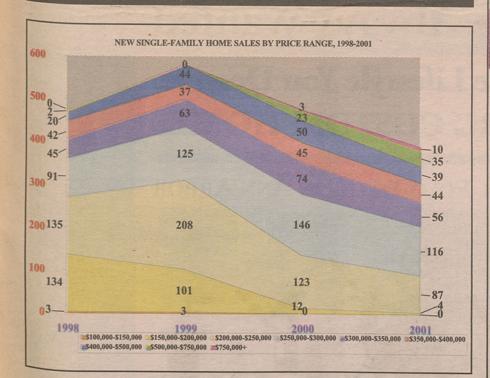


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REAL ESTATE UPDATE



The new stuff Bigger and better?

e so often focus on the total number of sales in new construction that we lose sight of the details. So this month we took a moment to break new construction down into its two major components: single-family homes and condominiums. The accompanying charts track home and condo sales by price range over the last four years, making it easier to see how these two owner-occupied markets have changed over time.

The single-family chart shows the total number of sales dropping last year. Unit sales were down 18 percent in 2001 from the year before, though sales still added up to \$134 million. Year to year, the average price (mean) rose 10 percent to \$343,000, while the median price (half cost more, half cost less) rose a more moderate 4 percent, to \$293,000.

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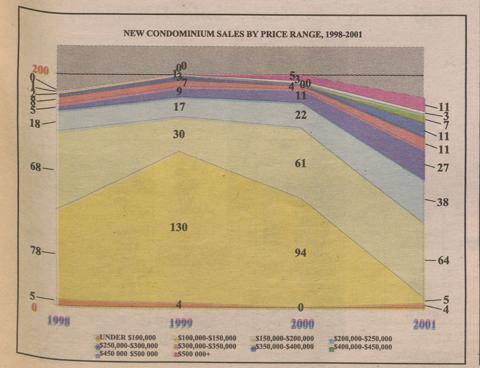
dian reflects the strength of high-end home sales. Sales of new single-family homes that sold for more than \$300,000, for instance, climbed from 109 in 1998 to 184 in 2001. During that same period, the number selling for less than \$250,000 fell from 272 to 207.

Condos followed a similar pattern. In 1999, 134 new condos sold for less than \$150,000; just nine new units went for that little last year. In the same interval, the number selling for more than \$200,000 tripled, from thirty-seven to 108.

The increase in sales at the highest price ranges had an even stronger effect on the less-expensive condo market. The average price of a new condo jumped 40 percent last year, to \$258,000. The median price leaped 45 percent, to \$221,000, during the same period.

A total of 181 new condos sold last year, down 10 percent from the year before. Yet thanks to those hot-selling condos in the higher price ranges, builders took home \$47 million in sales—up 27 percent from 2000!

-Kevin Duke



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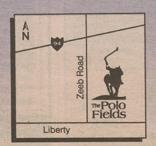
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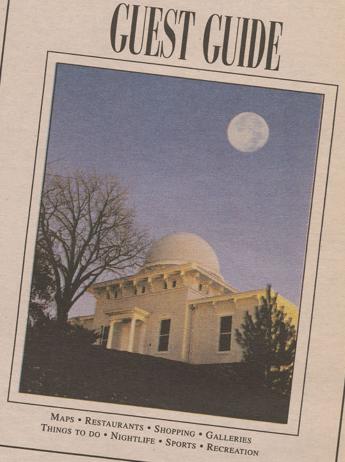
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Dr. Chase sold the building and rights to his

publications and name in 1869. Chase's Steam Printing House was used for many purposes after the turn of the century,



from warehouse to business offices. The landscape architecture and planning firm of Johnson, Johnson and Roy occupied it from the 1960s through the 1980s and began a downtown trend by renovating the structure to celebrate its historic beauty.

We received fifteen entries in February, two of which bore the name Dobson. Tom Dobson writes, "I ought to know this one, as it has been in my family several times" from great-grandfather to uncle to cousin. Marcia Dykstra had an interior design firm in the building during the 1980s and recalls, "Periodically, bits of press type would fall from the ceiling when someone walked overhead, giving rise to the claim that Dr. Chase's ghost inhabited the building."

Ken Koral of Ann Arbor won our random drawing. He'll receive a copy of the latest edition of *Historic Buildings: Ann Arbor, Michigan*, by Marjorie Reade and Susan Wineberg.



by Jay Forstner

Last month's Fake Ad for Voss Populi Enterprises on p. 88 had more than a few of you shaking your heads. The ad offered for sale pieces of the notorious metal halo from Michigan Stadium.

Although most Ann Arborites were glad to bid the halo's bombastic text and giant icons good riddance, several Fake Ad entrants wondered what really had happened to them. "I recently had a conversation with the university architect, Fred Mayer," one reader wrote, "and he told me that stuff was still tightly under lock and key."

Even more entrants asked about the significance of "Voss Populi," with one Fake Adder, Dexter's Linda Huff-Brinkman, suggesting that "Voss" is Norwegian for "voice" and that "Populi" could mean "population" in Spanish.

Not bad. But the best explanation came from Ann Arbor's Neal Laurance: "Of course there is the obvious reference to Vox Populi, but how it got transmogrified into Voss Populi was somewhat of a puzzle. Was there a conscious blending of Vox and Goss [Tom Goss, former U-M athletic director]? Should this really be Goss Populi?"

Was there? Should it? We'll never tell.

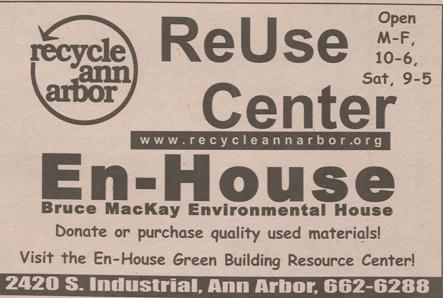
Last month's winner, drawn from 101 correct entries, came from Ann Arbor's Jennifer Root. She's taking her gift certificate to the Common Grill in Chelsea.

To enter the contest for March, identify the Fake Ad by name and page number and let us know at the address below. Remember, the word *arborweb*, the name of the Observer's website, is hidden somewhere in the Fake Ad (in February, Voss Populi's phone number could be rendered RBO–RWEB). The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to any business advertising in this issue.



Send separate entries to Fake Ad or I Spy, Ann Arbor Observer, 201 Catherine, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Fax: (734) 769–4950. E-mail: penny@aaobserver.com. You must include your name, address, and telephone number! All correct entries received in the Observer office by noon on Monday. March 11, are eligible for the March drawings.







EVENTS AT A GLANCE



This year's annual storytelling festival at the Ark March 1-3 features such nationally known performers as Maine folksinger Gordon Bok and New York storyteller Heather Forest.

A capsule guide to selected major events in January. See p. 53 for a complete listing of this month's Gallery, Band, and Events reviews. Daily events listings also begin on p. 53.

Classical & Religious Music

- St. Petersburg Philharmonic, Mar. 5
- Boychoir of Ann Arbor, Mar. 9
- Vox early-music chorus, Mar. 9
- Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, Mar. 9
- Ann Arbor Concert Band, Mar. 10
- Flutist Leone Buyse and guitarist Matthew Ardizzone, Mar. 10
- Guitarist Jason Vieaux, Mar. 16
- Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra, Mar. 16
- Tallis Scholars early-music chorus, Mar. 19
- Soprano Alfrelynn Roberts, Mar. 22
- The Canadian Brass, Mar. 22
- Japanese flutist Michael Gould & percussionist Michael Gould, Mar. 23
- Pianist William Doppmann, Mar. 24
- Chamber Music Ann Arbor, Mar. 24
- University Choral Union, Mar. 29

Festivals, Fairs, & Shows

- Performance Network 20th Anniversary Bash, Mar. 1
- Conor O'Neill's Irish festivals, Mar. 10 & 17
- Builders Home and Improvement Show, Mar. 15–17
- Dexter Pioneer Craft Fair, Mar. 16
- "Dimensions in Light" psychic fair, Mar. 17
- Audree Levy Spring Art Fair, Mar. 23 & 24
- Ann Arbor Powwow, Mar. 29–31

Conferences & Forums

- U-M Hillel Conference on the Holocaust, Mar. 10–15 and 18 & 19
- U-M symposium with Anne Waldman and other poets, Mar. 13–15

Miscellaneous

- Black/Jewish Freedom Seder, Mar. 19
- NCAA Ice Hockey West Regional, Mar. 22 & 23

Pop, Rock, Blues, & Jazz

- Ben Folds (rock 'n' roll), Mar. 1
- Alice Peacock (singer-songwriter), Mar. 1
- Blue Dog and the Troubadours (jazz), Mar. 2
- Fruit (folk-rock), Mar. 4
- Richard Thompson (folk-rock), Mar. 5
- John Mayer (singer-songwriter), Mar. 6
- Rory Block (blues), Mar. 6
- North Mississippi Allstars (blues-rock), Mar. 8
- Vernal Pool and Aaron Klein (jazz), Mar. 9
- Pinmonkey (alt-country), Mar. 11
- Pinback (indie rock), Mar. 12
- Steven Curtis Chapman (Christian pop-rock), Mar. 14
- Millish (Irish-worldbeat fusion), Mar. 14
- Kate Campbell (singer-songwriter), Mar. 15
- · Alison Brown Quartet (bluegrass), Mar. 15
- Jane Bunnett and the Spirits of Havana (jazz), Mar. 15 & 16
- Chenille Sisters (pop-folk), Mar. 16 & 17
- Ani DiFranco (singer-songwriter), Mar. 16
- Laura Love and Catie Curtis (singersongwriters), Mar. 18
- Kristin Korb (jazz), Mar. 20
- B. B. King (blues), Mar. 21
- Studebaker John & the Hawks (blues), Mar. 21
- Bahamadia (hip-hop), Mar. 21
- Greg Brown (singer-songwriter), Mar. 22
- Billy Jonas (pop-folk), Mar. 22
- David "Fathead" Newman (jazz), Mar. 22 & 23
- Yonder Mountain String Band (bluegrass), Mar. 22
- Lucy Kaplansky (singer-songwriter), Mar. 23
- · 'Amazin' Blue (a cappella), Mar. 23
- · Harry Belafonte (pop), Mar. 23
- John Hiatt (singer-songwriter), Mar. 25
- Nerissa & Katryna Nields (folk-rock), Mar. 28
- A. C. Reed (blues), Mar. 28
- Tony Monaco (jazz), Mar. 29 & 30
- Janis Siegel (jazz), Mar. 29
- Sons of the Never Wrong (pop-folk) Mar. 30

Lectures & Readings

- Fiction writer Frederick Busch, Mar. 7
- Novelist Doug Marlette, Mar. 7
- Fiction writer Brock Clarke, Mar. 14
- Novelist Ben Schrank, Mar. 19
- Playwright Wendy Wasserstein, Mar. 26
- Journalist John Hockenberry, Mar. 26

Ethnic & Traditional Music

- Cathie Ryan (Irish), Mar. 3
- Lunasa and Whirligig (Irish), Mar. 7
- Na Dorsa (Irish), Mar. 12
- Los Muñequitos de Matanzas (Cuban rumba), Mar. 15
- Pub Domain (Irish), Mar. 20
- Beausoleil (Cajun), Mar. 21
- · Cuig (Celtic), Mar. 27
- U-M Gamelan Ensemble, Mar. 27
- Sandip Burman (Indian), Mar. 29

Comedy & Performance Art

- The Ark Storytelling Festival, Mar. 1-3
- Comic Emo Philips, Mar. 1 & 2
- · Ann Arbor Poetry Slam, Mar. 5 & 19
- Comic Seth Buchwald, Mar. 6
- Comic Derek Richards, Mar. 7-9
- Comic Tim Slagle, Mar. 14–16
- Ann Arbor Youth Poetry Slam, Mar. 15
- Comic Willie Barcena, Mar. 21–23
- Comic Pat Candaras, Mar. 28-30

Family & Kids' Stuff

- The Ark Storytelling Festival children's concert, Mar. 3
- Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra family concert, Mar. 3
- Southeast Michigan Science Fair, Mar. 9
- Friends of Chamber Music in Pease "Child's Play" concert, Mar. 10
- Frog and Toad (Wild Swan Theater), Mar. 20–23
- The Red Balloon (Young Actors Guild), Mar. 22–24
- Two of a Kind children's concert, Mar. 24

Films

- Ann Arbor Silent Film Society, Mar. 3
- U-M "Dance on Camera Festival,"
 Mar. 8 & 9
- Ann Arbor Film Festival, Mar. 10-17

Theater, Opera, & Dance

- Hamlet (BlackBag Productions), Mar. 1-3
- The House of Bernarda Alba (Washtenaw Community College), Mar. 1 & 2
- *Months on End* (Purple Rose Theater), Mar. 1–3, 6–10, & 13–16
- Great Lakes Regional American College Dance Festival, Mar. 1 & 2
- Elizabeth Rex (Performance Network), Mar. 2 & 3
 The Seven Year Itch (Chelsea Area Players),
- Mar. 7–10
 Faith (U-M Basement Arts Theater),
- Mar. 7–9
 The Magic Flute (Comic Opera Guild),
- Killer Joe (Phoenix Productions), Mar. 7–10,
- 14–17, & 21–24
 Realing! (EMU Dance Program), Mar. 8–10
- Gruess Gott und Prost Amerika! (Kabarett Rohrstock), Mar. 8
- Ah, Wilderness (Guthrie Theater), Mar. 8 & 9
- Late Night Catechism (Entertainment Events, Inc.), Mar. 14
- Bells Are Ringing (Greenhills School), Mar. 14–17
- The Boys Next Door (U-M Basement Arts Theater), Mar. 14–16
- The Lucky Spot (Ann Arbor Civic Theater), Mar. 14–17 & 21–24
 The White Rose (Performance Network),
- Mar. 14–17, 21–24, & 28–31
 Revenge of the 80s (Pioneer Theater Guild),
- Mar. 15 & 16

 No, No, Nanette (Saline Area Players),
 Mar. 15–17
- For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf (U-M Residential College Players), Mar. 15 & 16
- West Side Story (U-M MUSKET), Mar. 15–17
- Epigraph for a Condemned Book (Da Camera of Houston), Mar. 20
- A Glitch in Time (Thurston Community Players), Mar. 21–23
- Colors of the Mind (U-M Dance Department), Mar. 21–23
- La Cenerentola (U-M Opera Theater), Mar. 21–24
- The Possibilities (U-M Basement Arts Theater), Mar. 21–23
- Barbara Neri in her Consolation of Poetry as Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Mar. 22 & 23
- Twyla Tharp Dance, Mar. 23 & 24
- Jazz Dance Theater, Mar. 28

Mar. 28-31

- Sexual Perversity in Chicago (U-M Basement Arts Theater), Mar. 28–30
- Last Night in Ballyhoo (U-M Rude Mechanicals), Mar. 28–30
- Betrayal (BlackBag Productions), Mar. 28–31
 The Balcony (U-M Theater Department),

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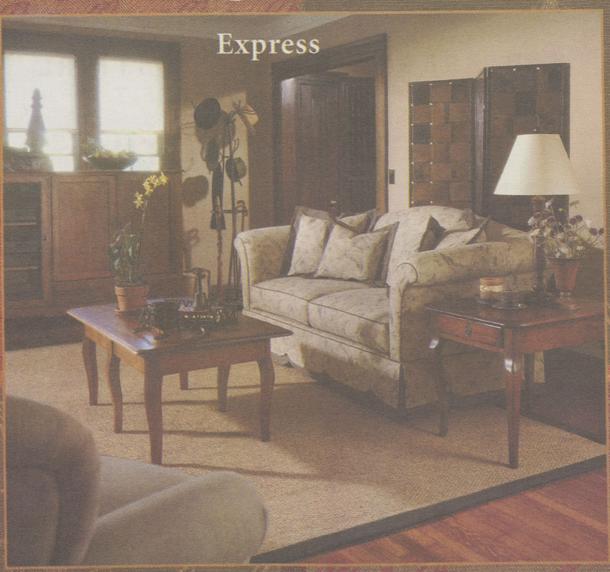
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